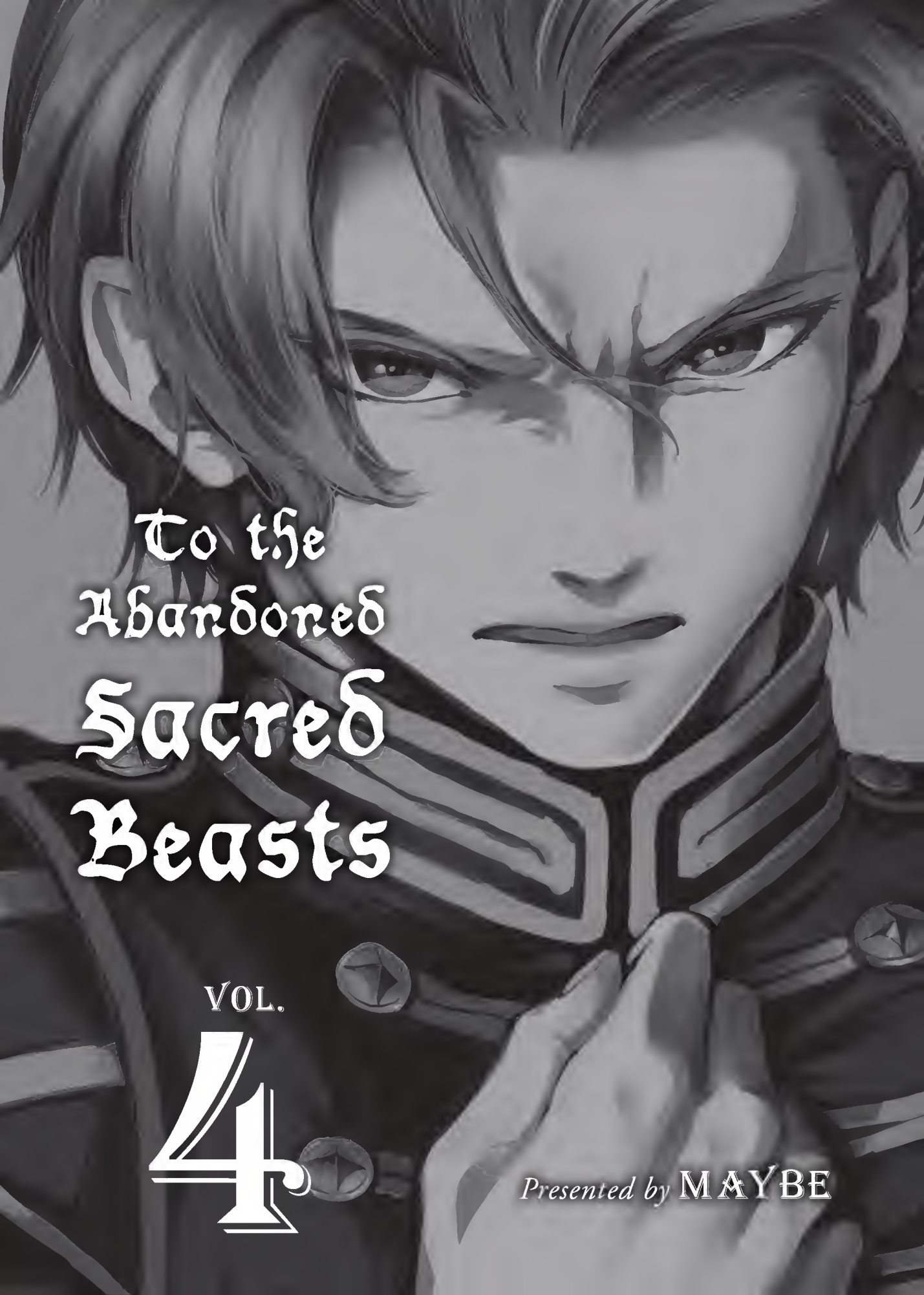

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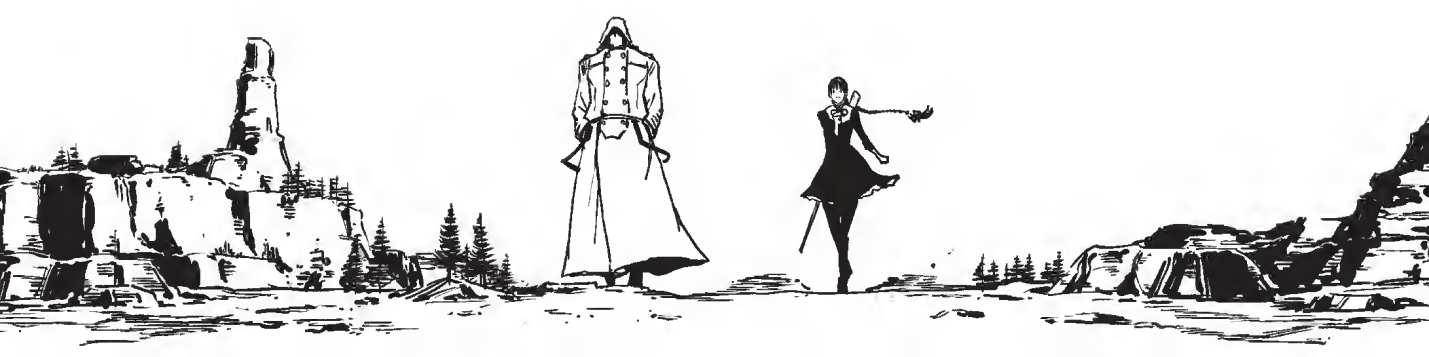
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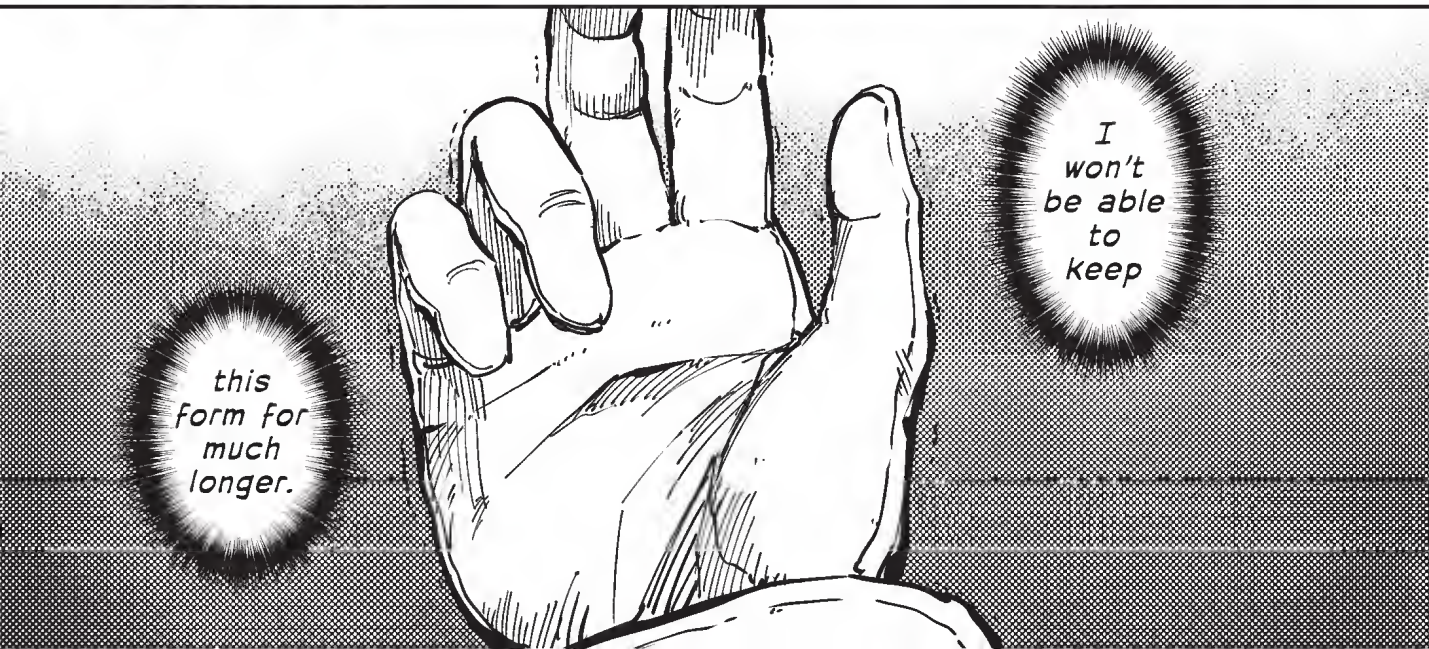
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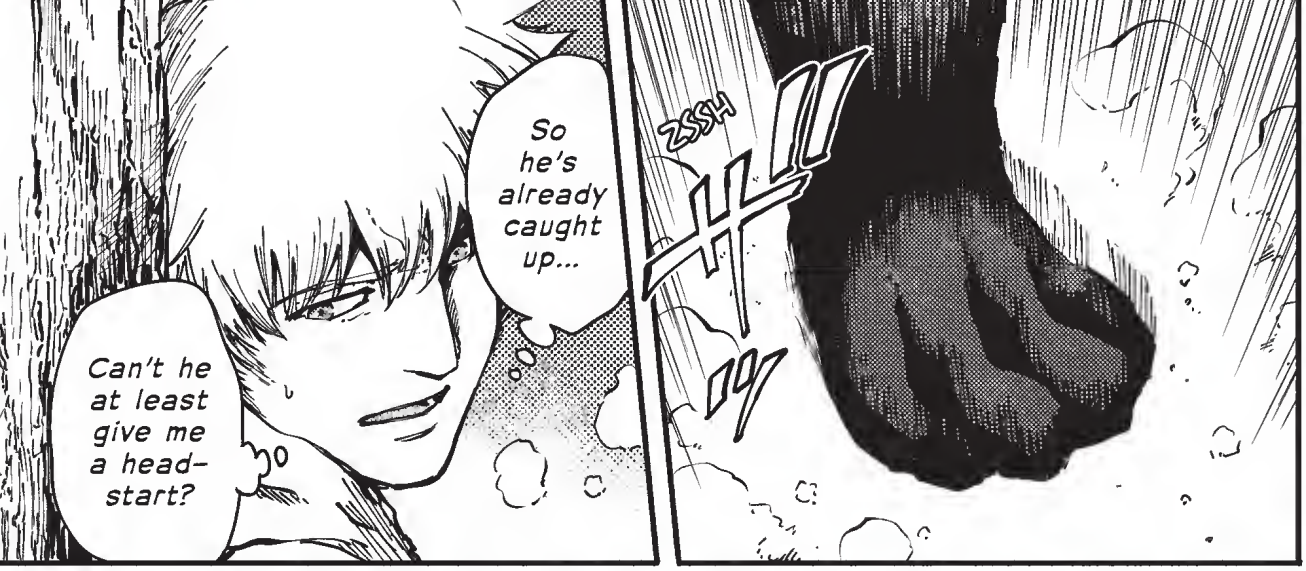

WHUMP
ha...
ha...


It's been two—
no, three days...

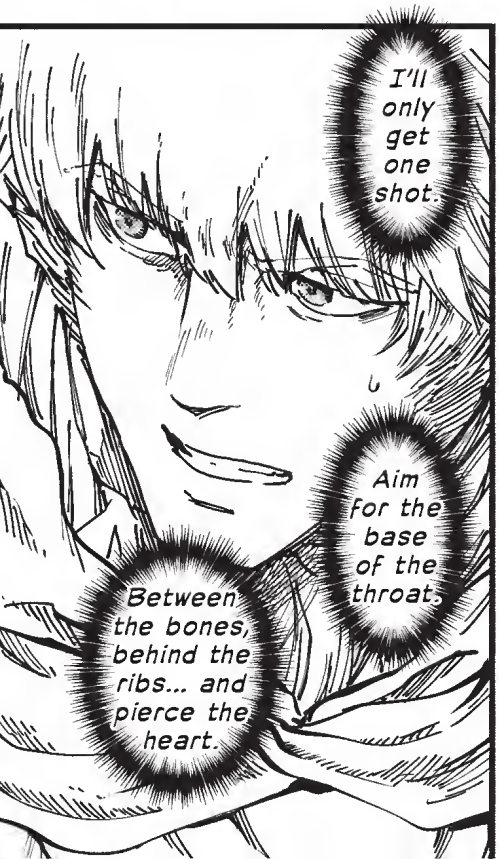

I won't be able to keep
this form for much longer.



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So he's already caught up...
Can't he at least give me a head-start?
ZSSH
HII
IIY




I'll only get one shot.
Aim for the base of the throat.
Between the bones, behind the ribs... and pierce the heart.

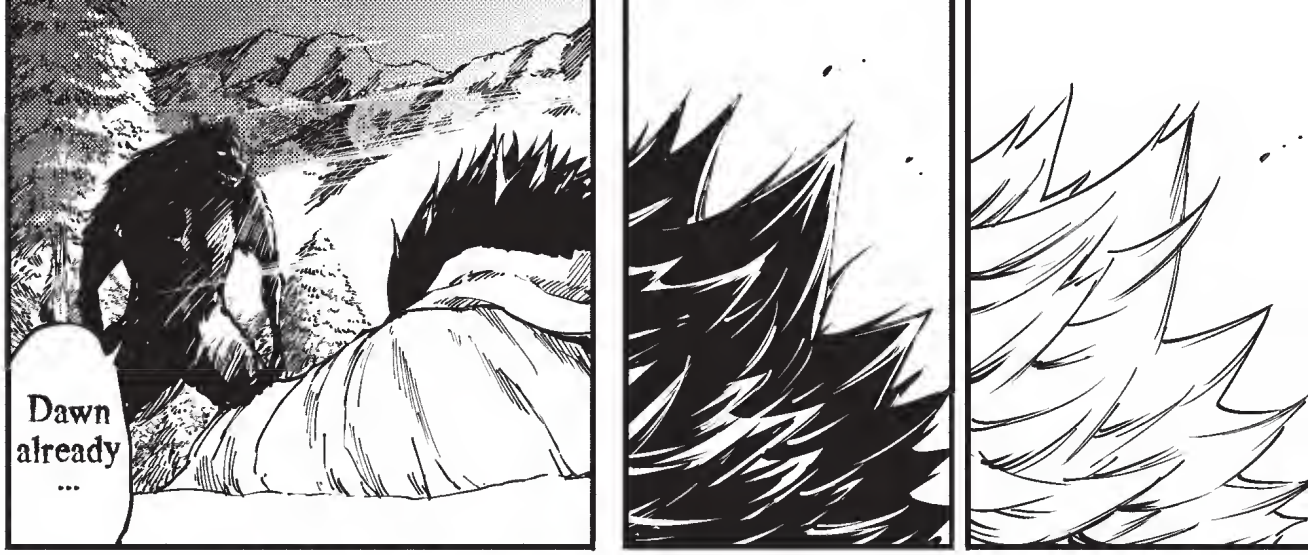

I reckon he already knows where I am...
Guess I'll have to fight him face-to-face...

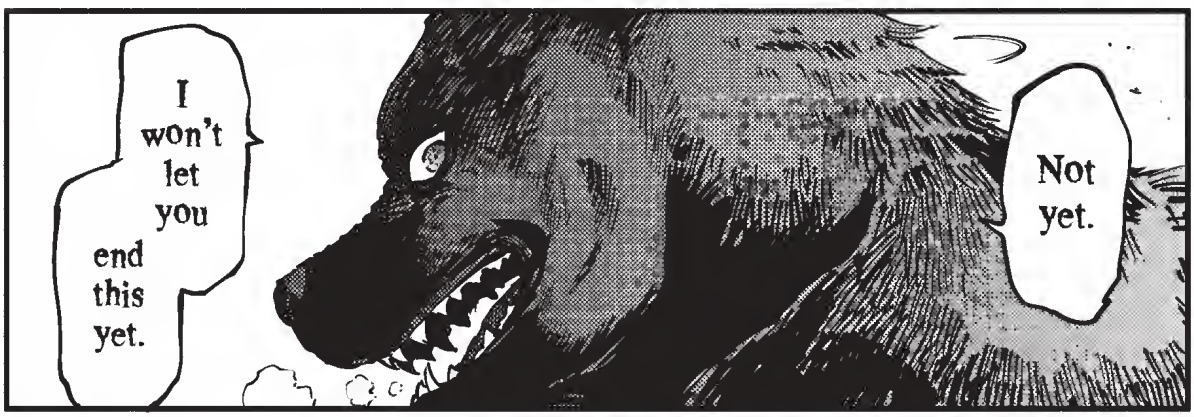

I can smell your tense fear from here...!
What's the matter, Hank ?!
You must know that you can't escape me!
GRIN
KRACK
Found you !!


GASHANG


ZWOOM
ウオン
what the other is capable of...!
This won't be so easy, when we both know


GA
SHAAAM

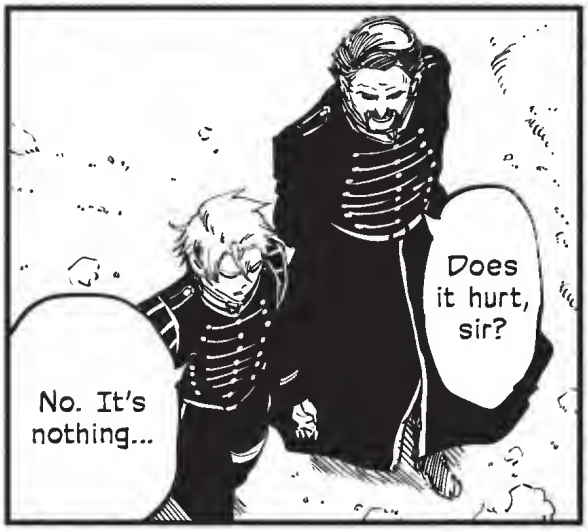

Dawn already ...


I won't let you end this yet.
Not yet.



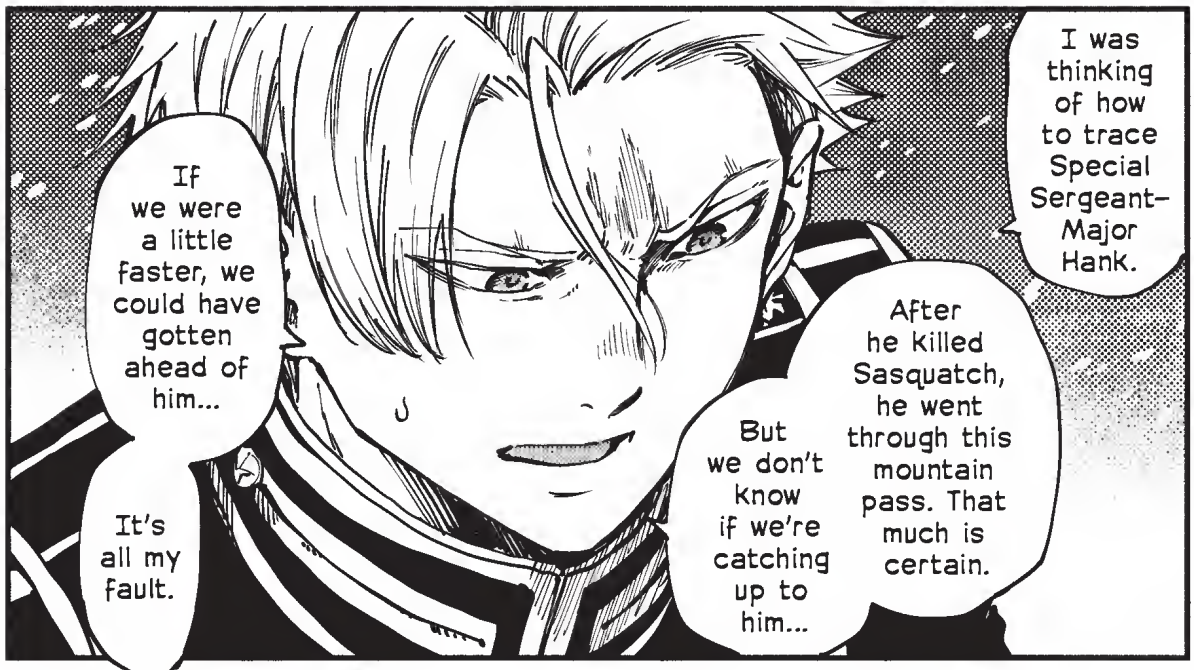

ROOOAAAR...


Why is there a snowstorm at this time of year?!
Schaal, let me know if you get too cold, okay?
Just our luck ...
I will... But I'm all right.


Does it hurt, sir?
No. It's nothing...

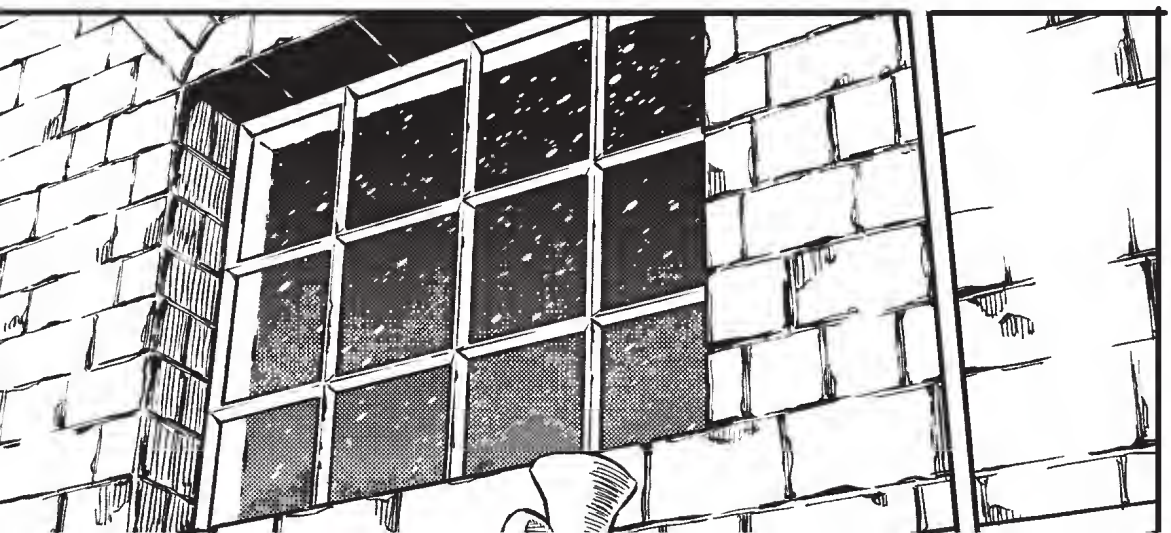


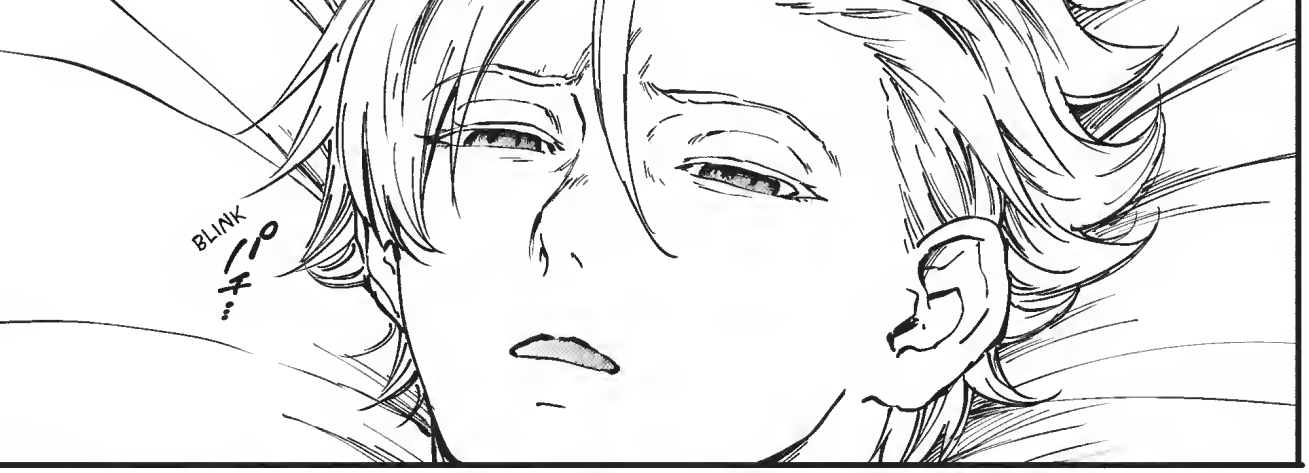


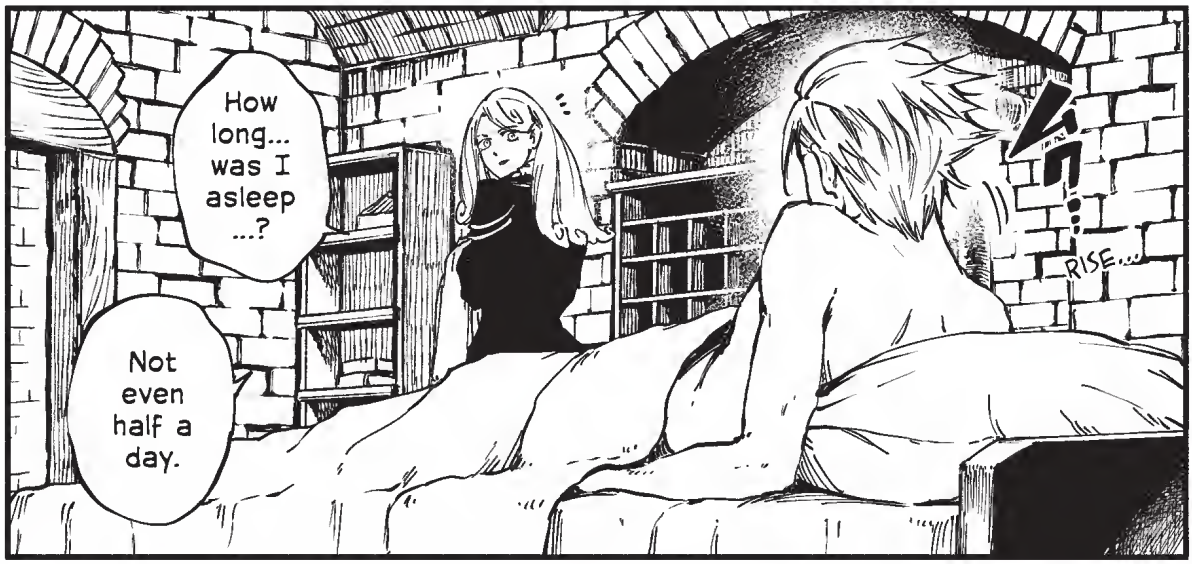

I was thinking of how to trace Special Sergeant-Major Hank.
After he killed Sasquatch, he went through this mountain pass. That much is certain.
But we don't know if we're catching up to him...
If we were a little faster, we could have gotten ahead of him...
It's all my fault.

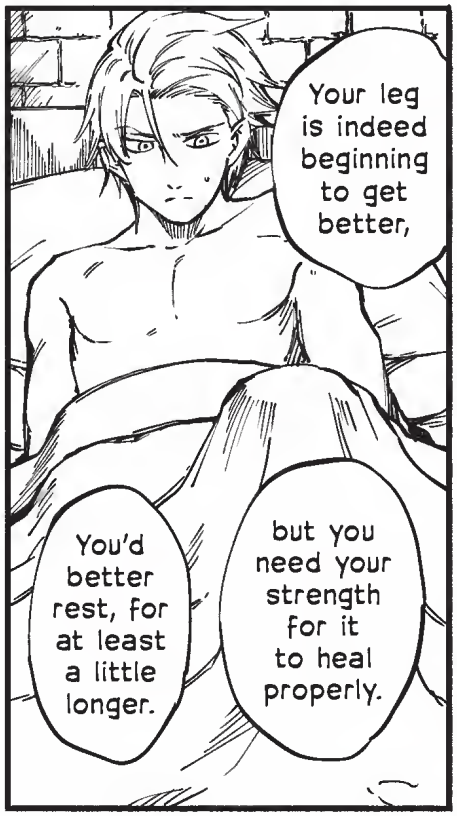

...
Pushing yourself too hard will do no good.
It's enough that we've made it this far,
Major Claude.
That's where we'll camp for the night.
There it is.
At last...
but it's the perfect place to rest while someone keeps watch.
It's been deserted for a good while,
Muzzle Peak lookout fort.


ドサッ
WHUMP
MAJOR CLAUDE !!
HE'S BURN-ING UP...!




BLINK
HUH?

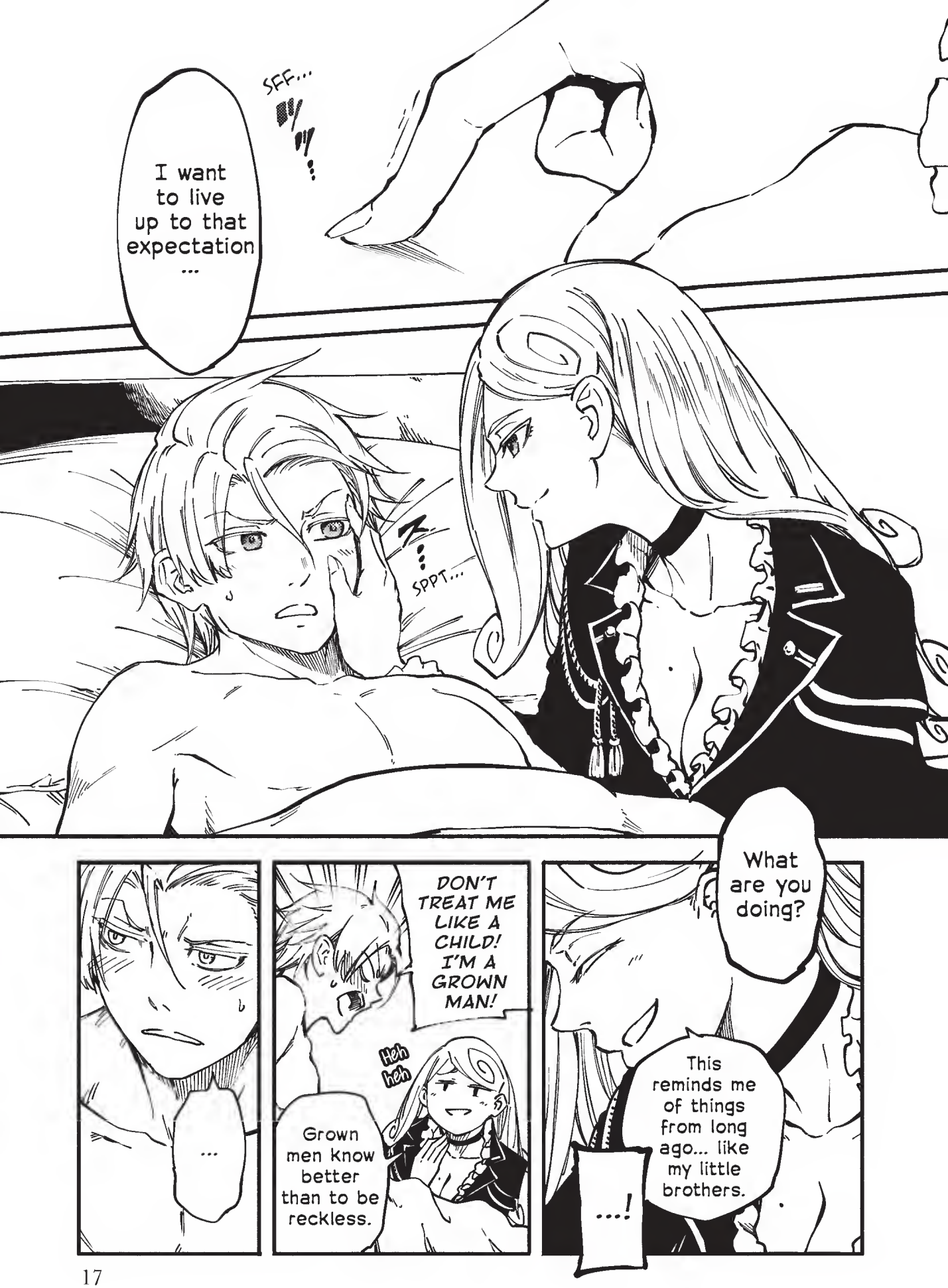

How long... was I asleep ...?
Not even half a day.
RISE...


Your leg is indeed beginning to get better,
but you need your strength for it to heal properly.
You'd better rest, for at least a little longer.

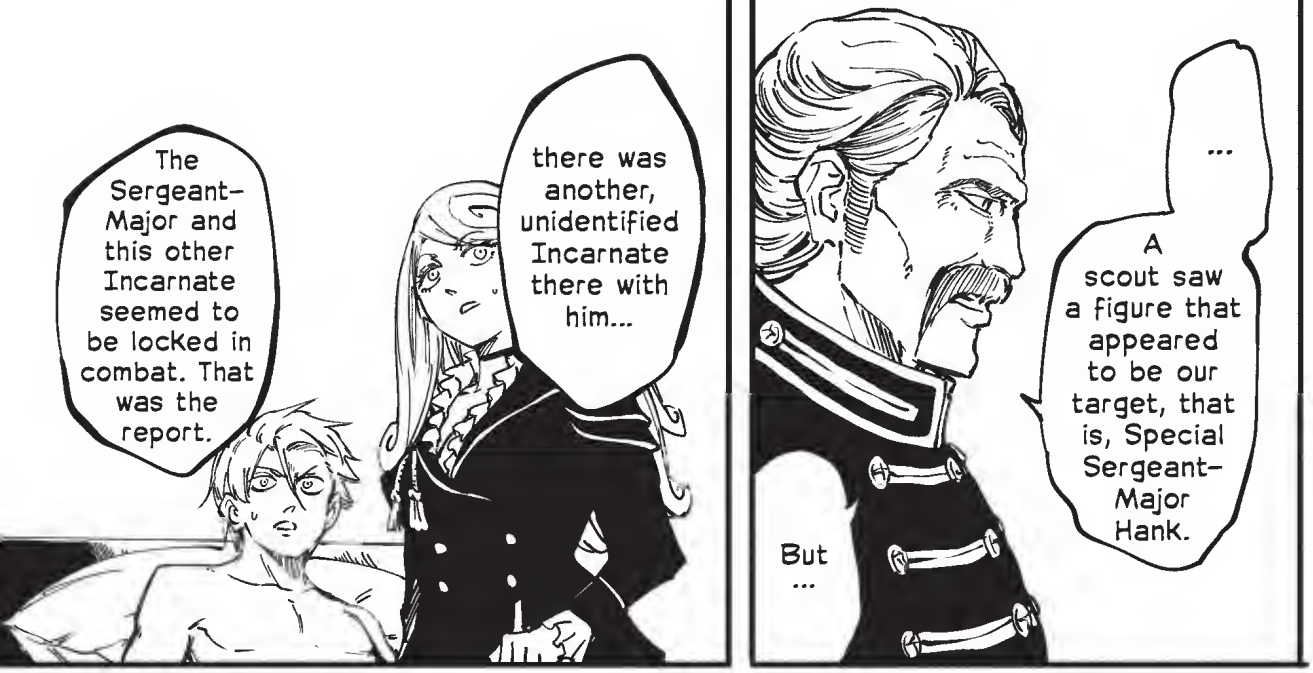

You might not think so, but I know a thing or two.
It's no use lying to me.

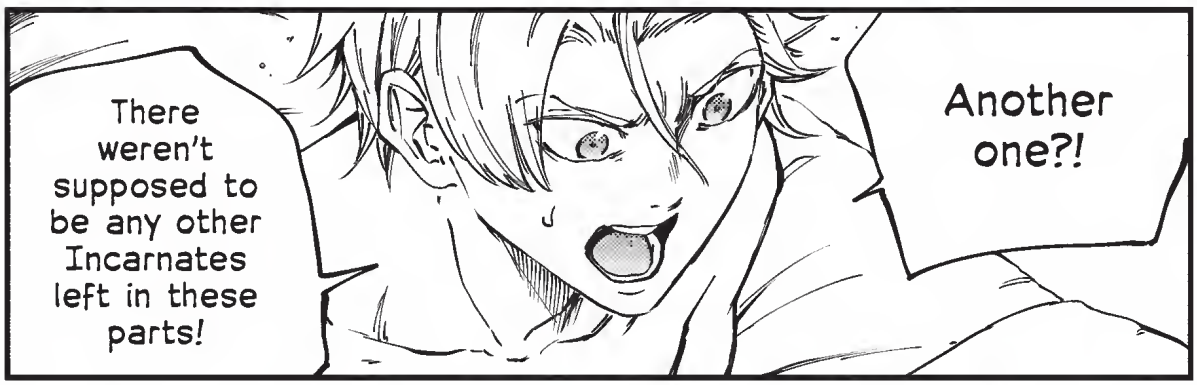

I see... Sorry to trouble you.
I'm better now.


There's nothing we can do for now.
Besides, there's quite a blizzard out there.
So go to sleep.
...
This is exactly what we trained for, for so long...
Just when I had the perfect chance...
... Just when ...


I want to live up to that expectation...
SFF...
SPPT...
What are you doing?
This reminds me of things from long ago... like my little brothers.
...!
DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A CHILD! I'M A GROWN MAN!
Heh heh
Grown men know better than to be reckless.
...


Ser–
geant!
...
...!
Gerald
!
Tell me
everything
you know.
And
don't
hide
anything
from
me.


The Sergeant-Major and this other Incarnate seemed to be locked in combat. That was the report.
there was another, unidentified Incarnate there with him...
...
A scout saw a figure that appeared to be our target, that is, Special Sergeant-Major Hank.
But ...

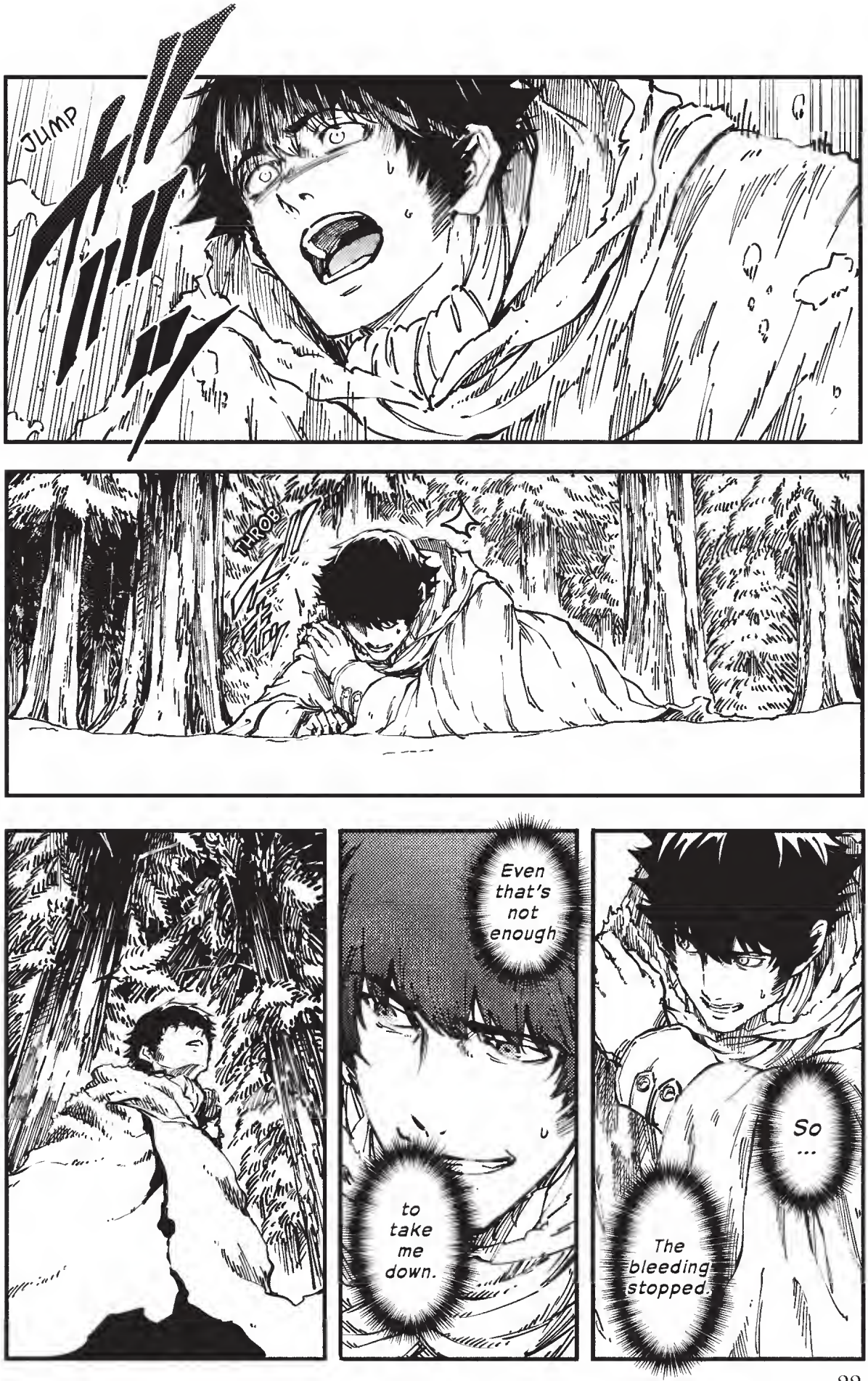

There weren't supposed to be any other Incarnates left in these parts!
Another one?!




What's going on...?




I...
I killed them...
I destroyed them...!


JUMP
THROB
Even that's not enough
to take me down.
So ...
The bleeding stopped.

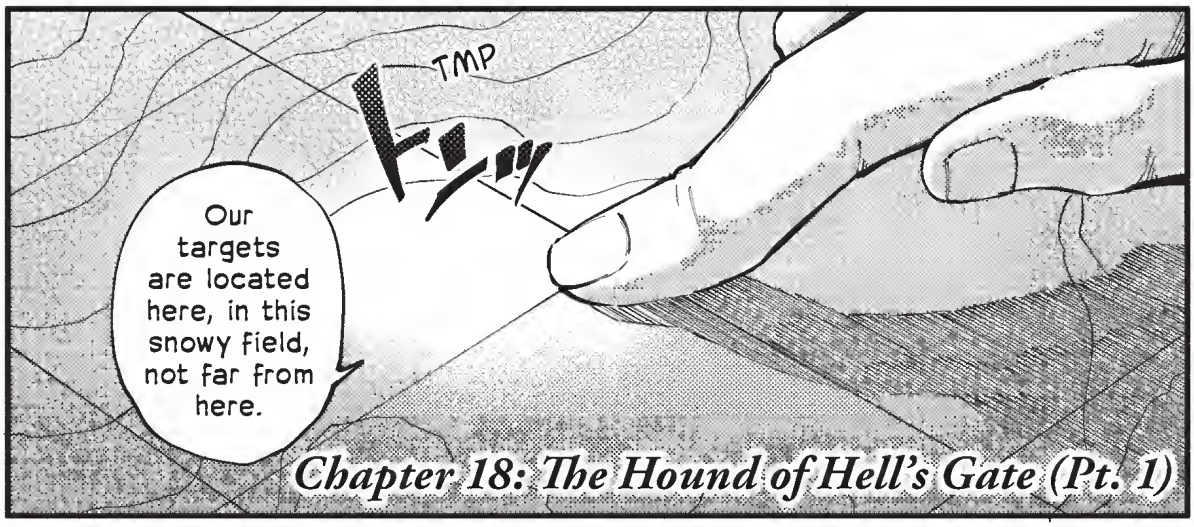

But why did he run away when the sun came up?
Why didn't he kill me...?
He's close. Very close ...
I can't make any careless moves.
Did you have sweet dreams?


Or did the terror that you felt in that fragile human form keep you awake ?
Soon ... Soon it will be night!
Ah, so much fun, so much fun! The hunt will go on!
A night of hunting with no escape, not even by death!
Let's continue this fight, Hank!


You might as well be dead already, trapped by the past as you are...
Why do you insist on being human?!
And now you'll be torn apart by the fangs of Garmr, the Hound of Hell's Gate, Hank...!!
Transform! Let us kill one another as Beasts!
How could a lapdog like you
ever under-stand ...?
HMF

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But the other is Special Sergeant-Major Hank Henriette,
the man we've all come here to pursue ...
We must not let him get away.


we must do everything in our power to hunt down that Beast.
Whatever sacrifices we must make...
PAT
Now, as for our strategy —
!!
I would prefer for you to stay here with a few other soldiers.
Major Claude ...

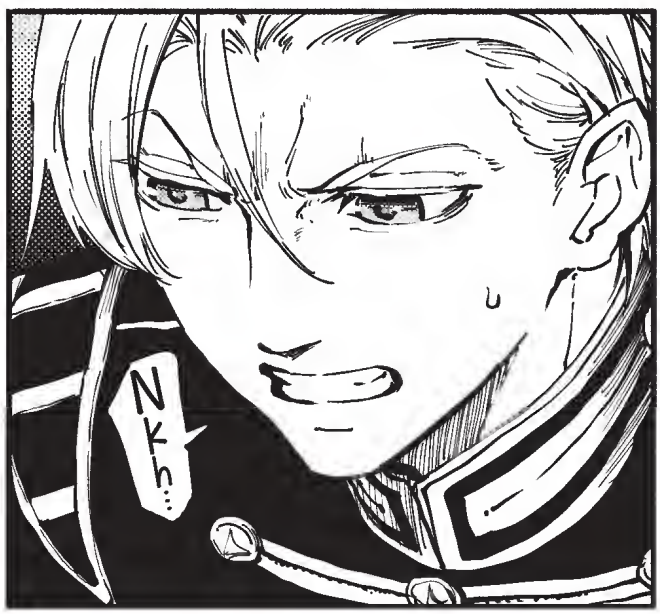

Who the hell gave you the right—
BAM
Gerald ...!
You must not fall before that day comes.
We must keep fighting until we hunt down all the Incarnates.
Our fight does not end here.
Please keep yourself safe, sir.
Leave this to an old soldier like me.
But ...


If you'll be lonesome by yourself, how 'bout I keep you company, like before?
WRIGGLE
WRIGGLE
WRIGGLE
WHAT?!
AW, IT'S GONNA BE OKAY! ♡
GRAB
This is no time for playing around!

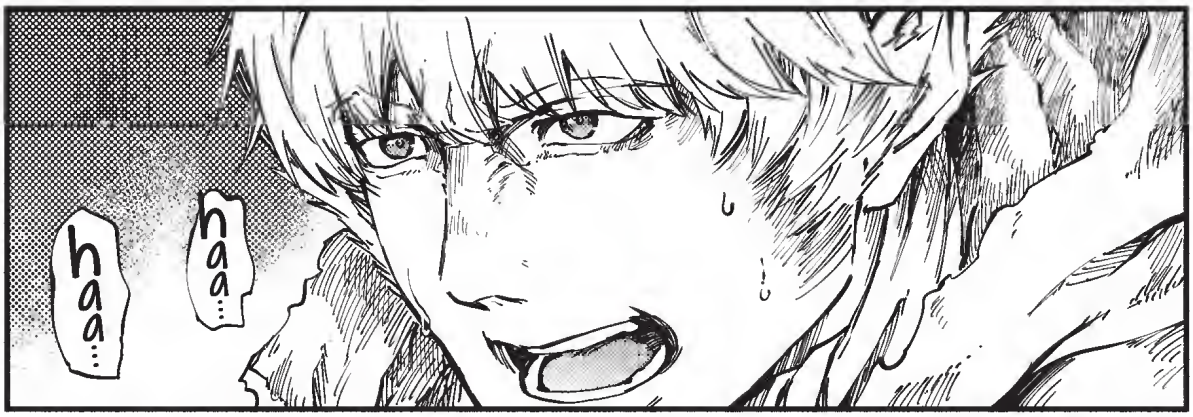

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S PLAYING AROUND.
...!


If you can't fight off one lady, what do you think you'll be able to do out there?
You must already understand that yourself, sir...


Are you ...
Let go...
really coming along?


...sk


I'm ready.
GRIP
I know.
It'll be dangerous— no, that was rude.
There's no point in saying that now.
but be careful.
Schaal... There's hardly any point in telling you this,


haa...
haa...




How long are you going to cling to that human form?
You can't have forgotten how it feels to be all-powerful!
Always denying and deluding yourself ...
Is that the only way you can keep your dignity?!
You're afraid, aren't you...!
Afraid of changing ...
Afraid that you won't be able to control yourself ...!




So what if I am?
I can still defeat you as I am now.


I can smell the lies on your breath... Hank.
ZZTÁB
SWOOMM


VWHAMM


GRIP
GRAAAGH!
ZTAABB


GASH
GASH
GASH
GASH
GASH
GASH
SQUEEZE
SLAAMM


GABAAM
Body and mind ...
You're too weak!
Weak ...
GASH
GASH
GASH
GASH
GASH
GASH
GASH


Is the Hank from those days already gone?!
How can our brothers-in-arms rest in peace knowing they were killed by such a weakling ?!
So you died in that war after all!!
That war that taught me how to live!!!

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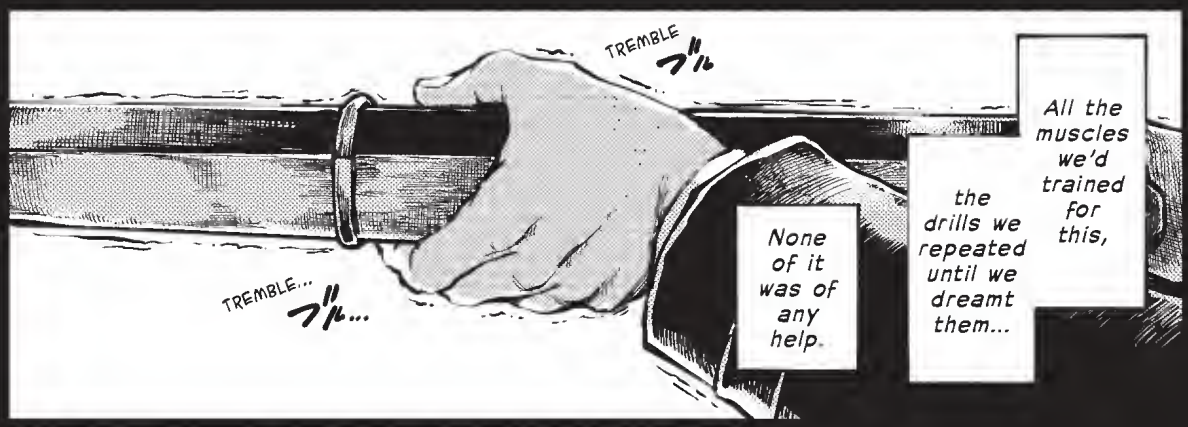
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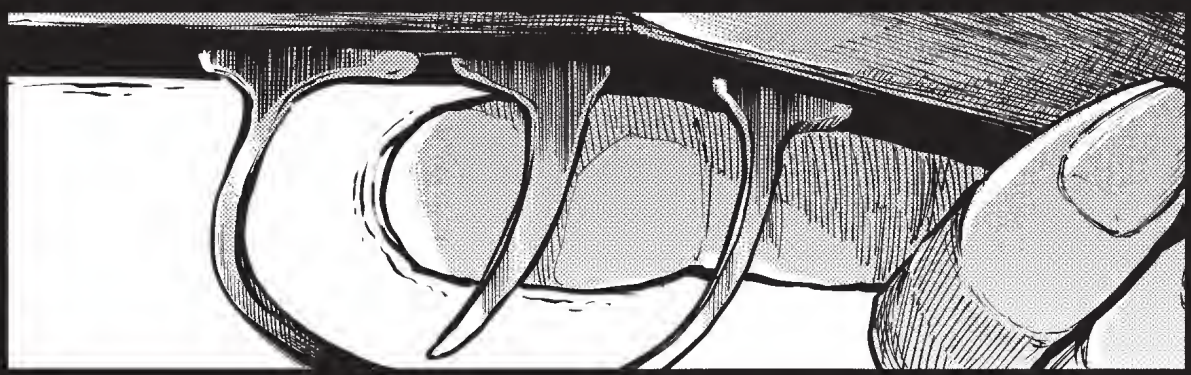
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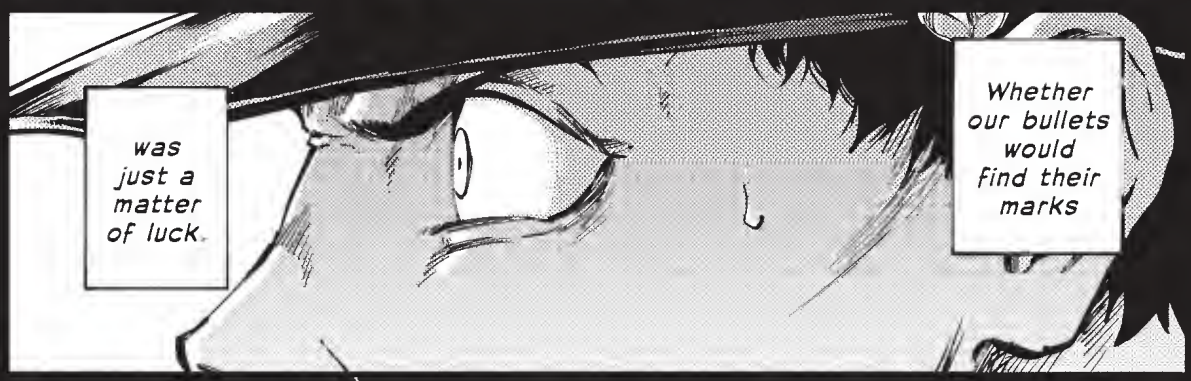





Advance 'til you see the whites of their eyes!
Don't forget your training, boys!!
ZHEF
JACHIK
I was there, in that hell ... where we could barely tell whether we were alive or dead.

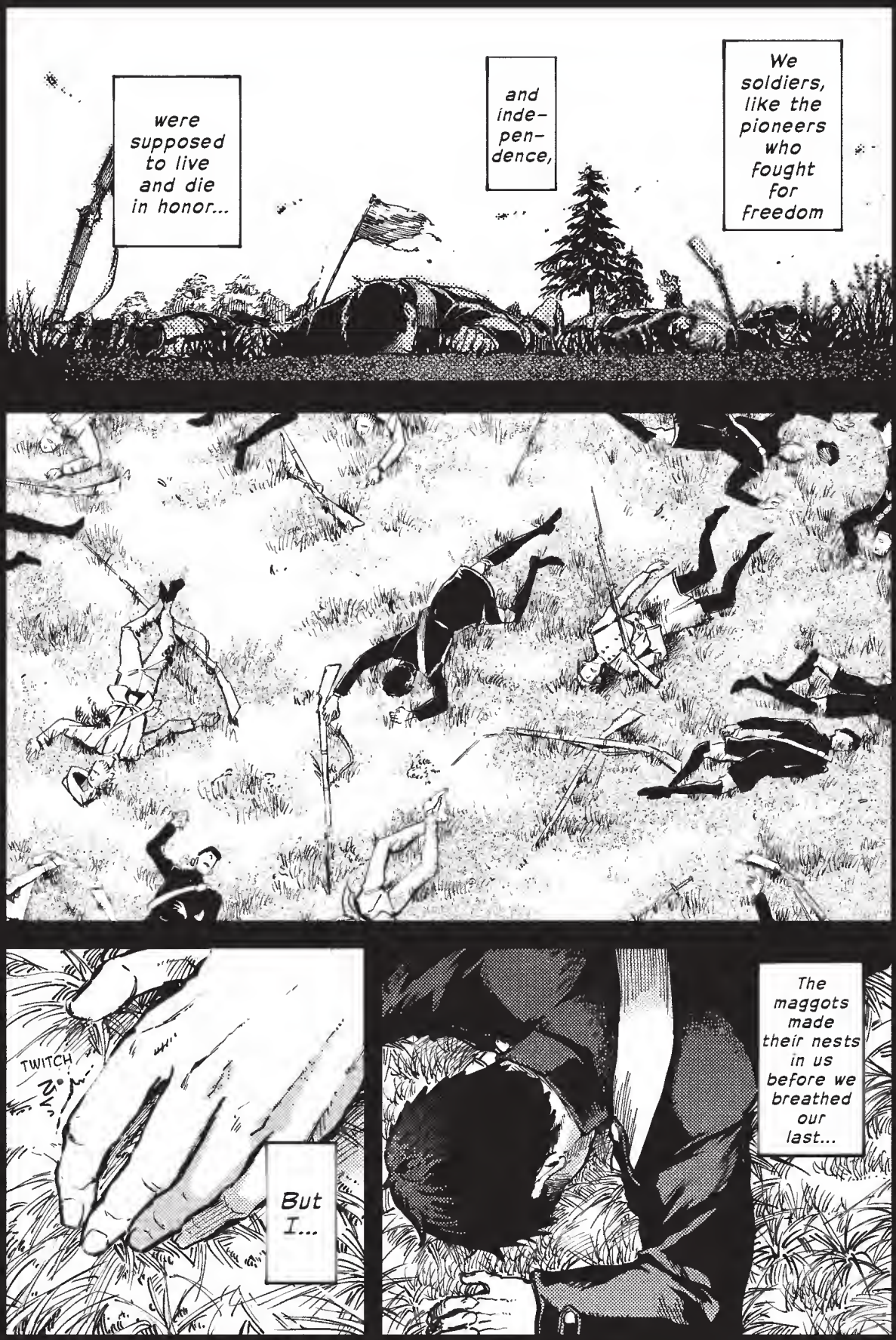

TREMBLE
ブル
TREMBLE...
ブル...
None of it was of any help.
the drills we repeated until we dreamt them...
All the muscles we'd trained for this,




was just a matter of luck.
Whether our bullets would find their marks

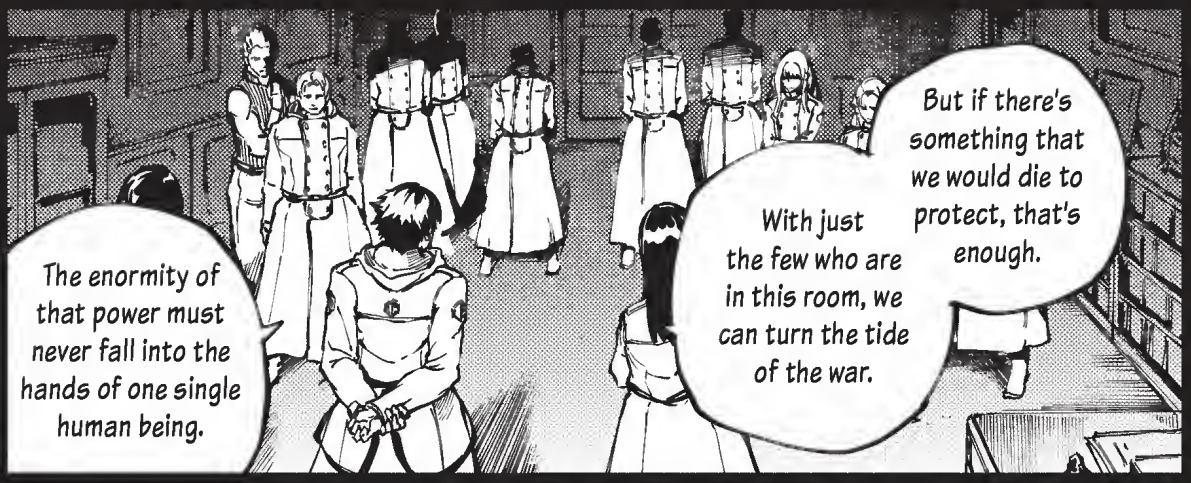

FIRE !!!

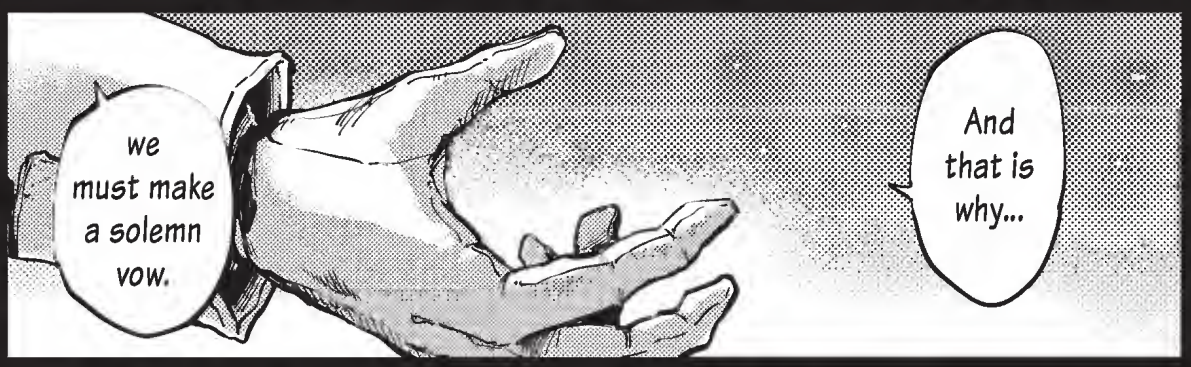

BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
Re-load!
Advance and continue to fire!!
BANG
ZSSH
Urgh ...
Waargh!


We soldiers, like the pioneers who fought for freedom
and inde-pen-dence,
were supposed to live and die in honor...
TWITCH
But I...
The maggots made their nests in us before we breathed our last...


sur-
vived.
SFF
GRIP...
ガシッ...


Everyone here today is someone
with flaws,
or who ought to be dead.
rejected by the world...


The enormity of that power must never fall into the hands of one single human being.
With just the few who are in this room, we can turn the tide of the war.
But if there's something that we would die to protect, that's enough.


we must make a solemn vow.
And that is why...


shall be slain by their comrades.
Those who lose their humanity ...

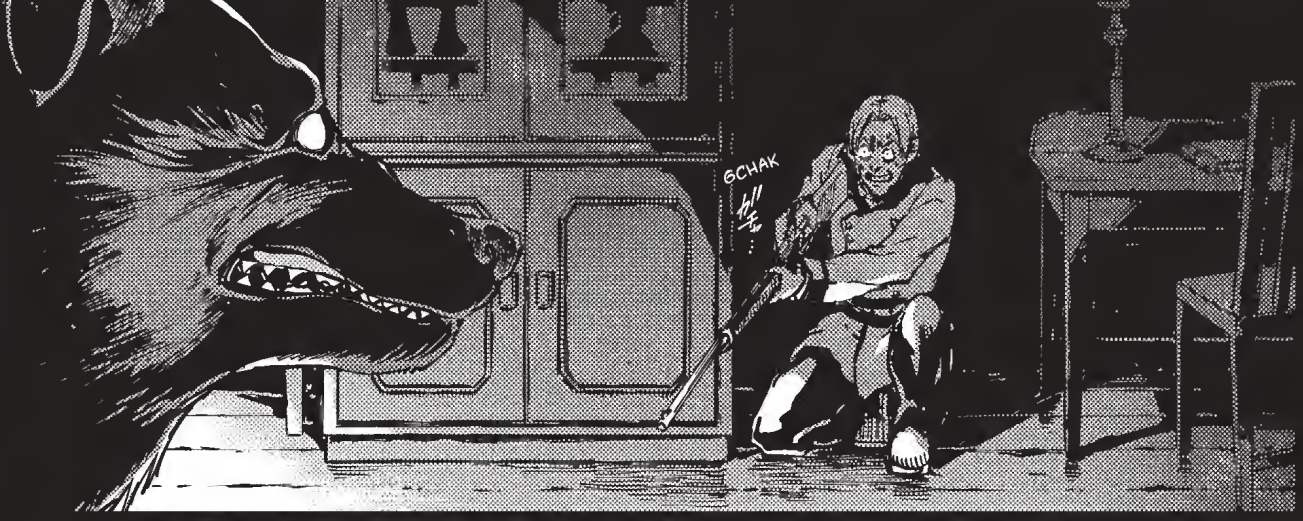

TMP
TMP
PAT
ポロッ


Fire!
Don't let those monsters break through!
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG


ZISSH
AH


We be-
came
a wind
that
rushed
over the
battle-
field.


SHIVER
SHIVER
Eeee eeeee eeek...
SLAM


SCHAK


ZWAASH


SHFF...






When I was with the troop, I could go anywhere ...
I... I loved our troop... You, and Cain, and everyone else.
Death stalked our every step, and yet we had never been more alive.

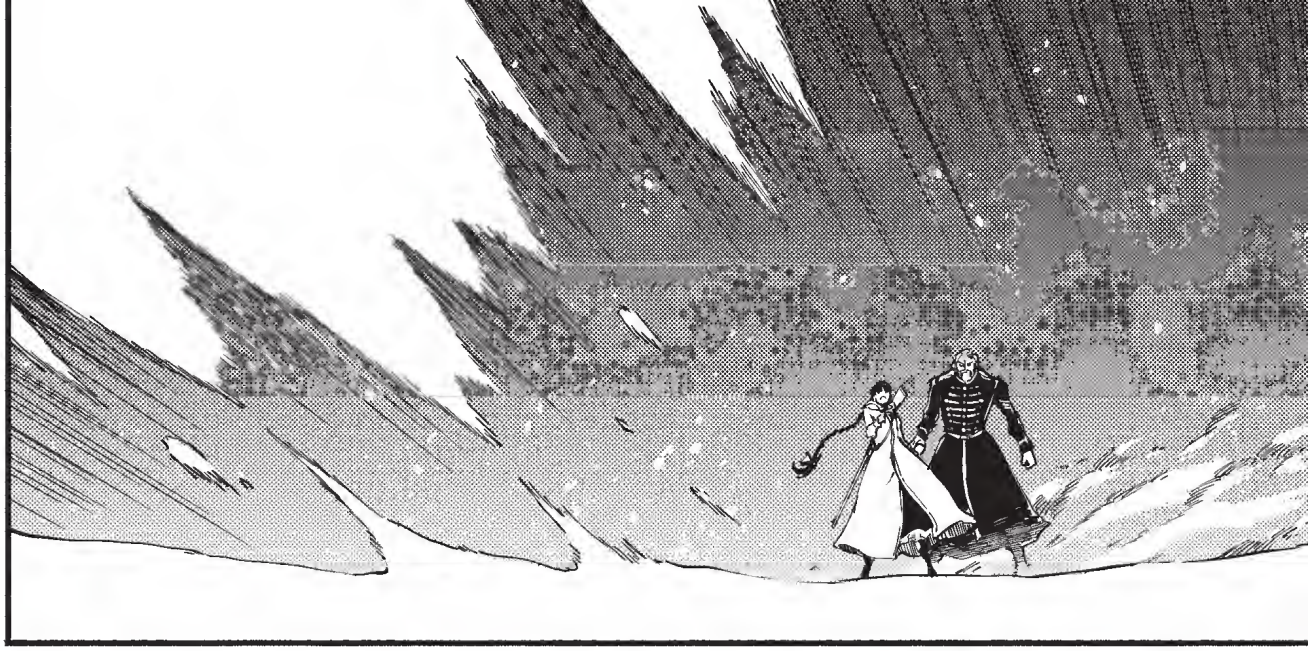

And
...
yet
again...
I should
have been
dead.


GAAAH!!
In pain and suffering,
we feel alive.
We live... we can live,
and we can die!!
Cain has begun a war...
We can live again!
GRICH
GRICH
GRIKK
As soldiers,
we can die in glory,
and give our lives in loyalty!!


You're a dog through and through, Roy.
That's just how you are.
Right ...
BWOOOMF


ARooooo
You ...
They might be even closer than we thought...
We'll proceed according to plan.
VWOOM








Hank
...

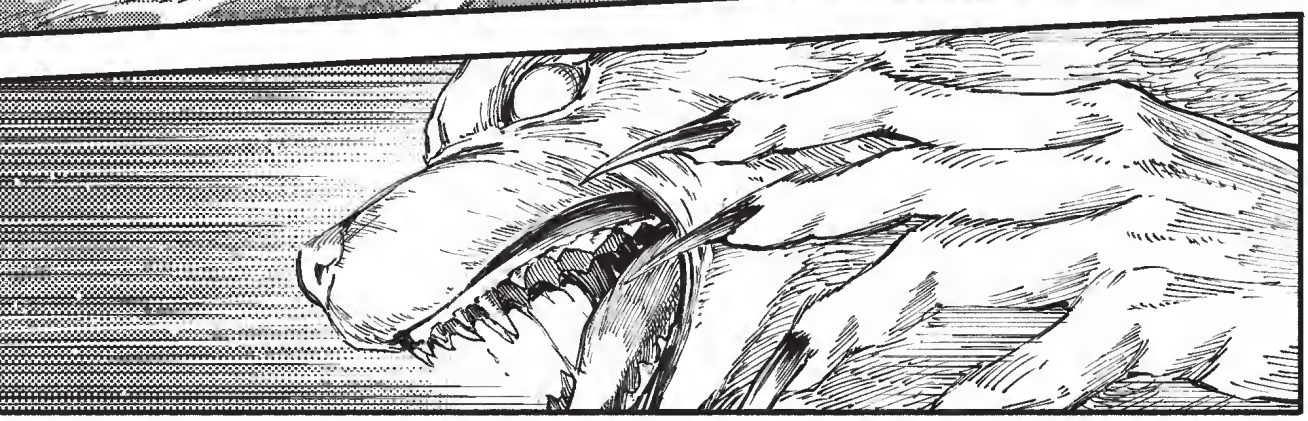

TRAMP
MEN, SPREAD OUT!
WHIPP
DON'T LET THE BEASTS ESCAPE !!
TRAMP

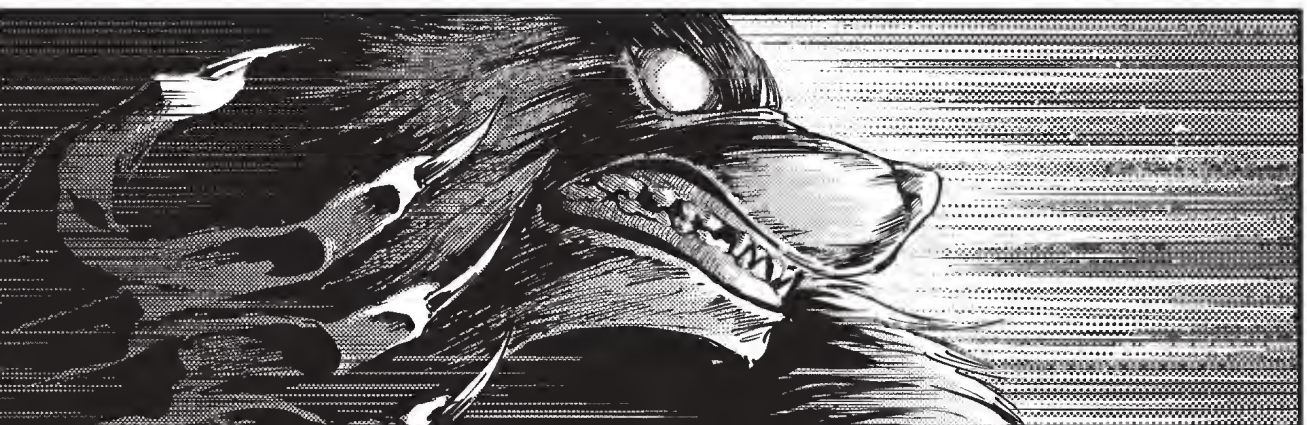
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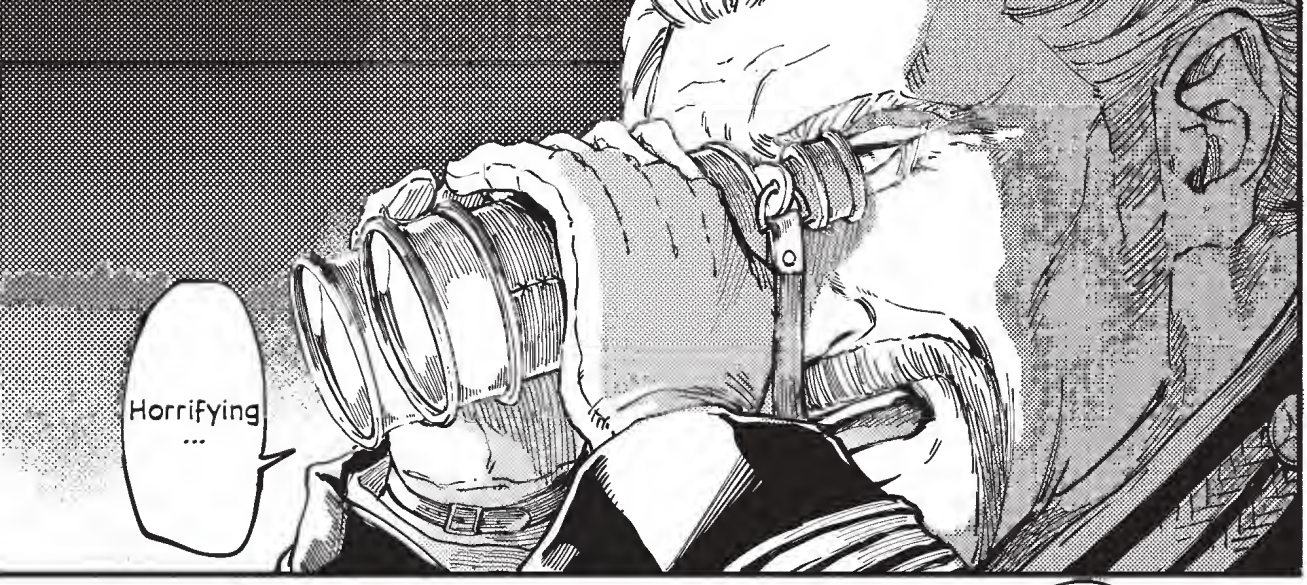


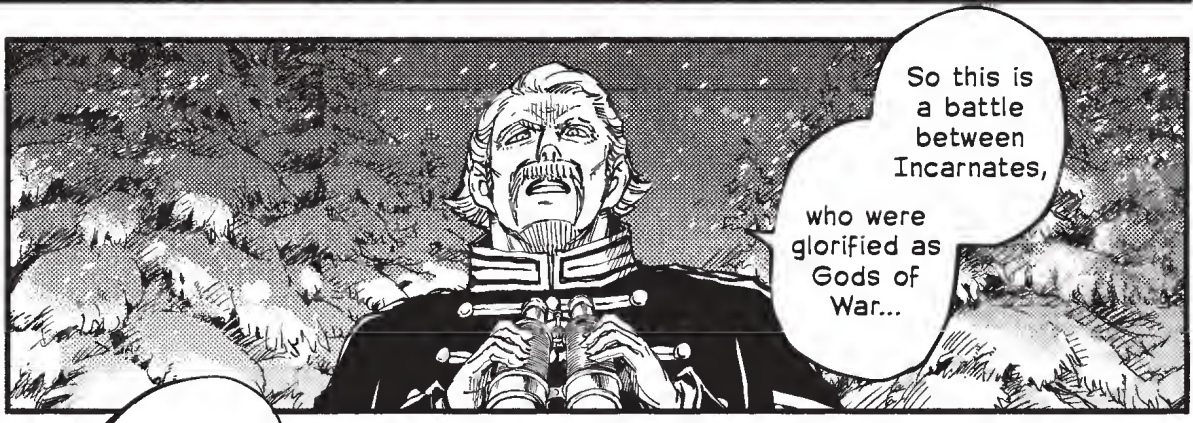



GACHOMP
Grrr...
GRARRRR...


RRIP
SNAPP...




Horrifying
...

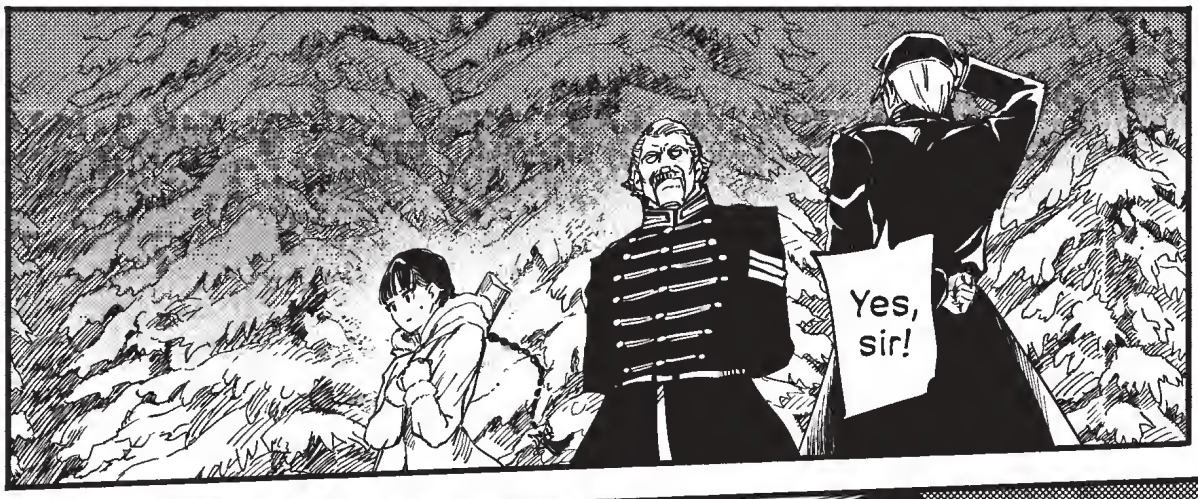

So this is a battle between Incarnates,
who were glorified as Gods of War...


But seeing a sight like this, I wonder...


All in place, sir!
Good
...




BEGIN THE ATTACK.
WHEN EITHER INCARNATE IS WOUNDED TOO GRAVELY TO MOVE...


Yes, sir!




GRARR!
ZLAMM
KRASH


GRAKK

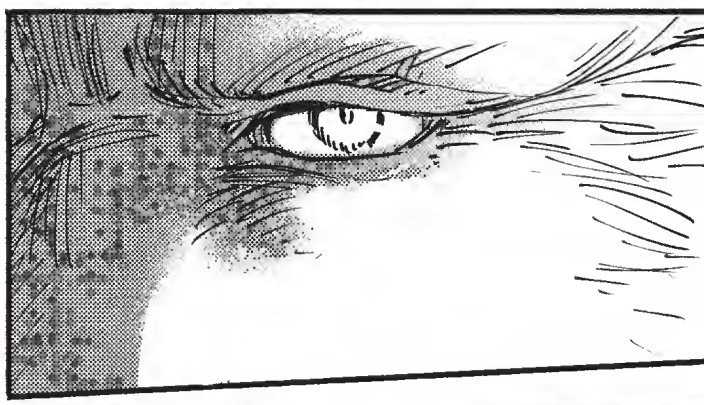

GAK...
GRRR...
KLAWW
ZMAAASH
VWOOM


haa...
haa...
This is the end.
...
Hank.
Come with us.


Roy, the war is over.
No matter what shape you take, we've already accomplished our goal.
There's no need to fight anymore.
It's not over !!
Not while I live ... Not while there's fight in me!!
We gave ourselves to the war, literally!
Isn't that true?!
So long as I live, I'll fight, to the very end!!
If I don't ... If not ...

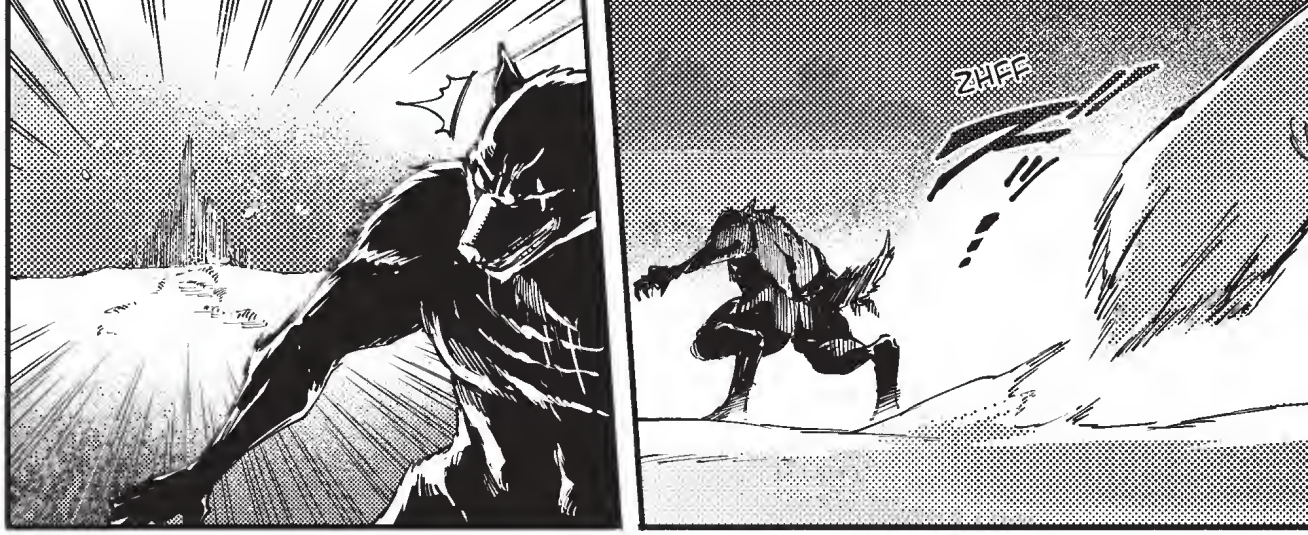

BUT PATHETIC DOGS !!!
THEN WE ARE NOTHING


Too bad ...
I thought those days would come again.




You can't save us.
Get lost.


BAANG
Their presence must have been masked by the scent of all the blood...
Humans ...?!
It can't be.
GET OUT ...
OF MY WAY !!!

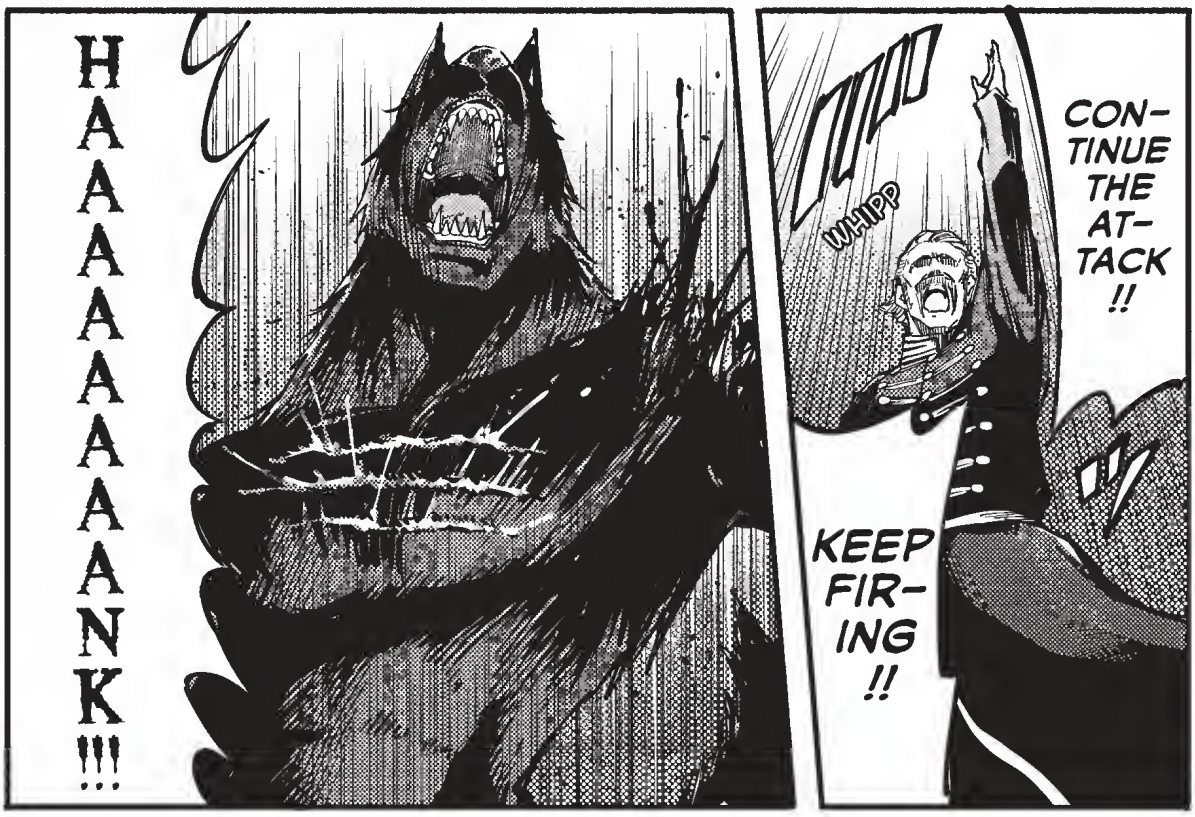

ZHFF

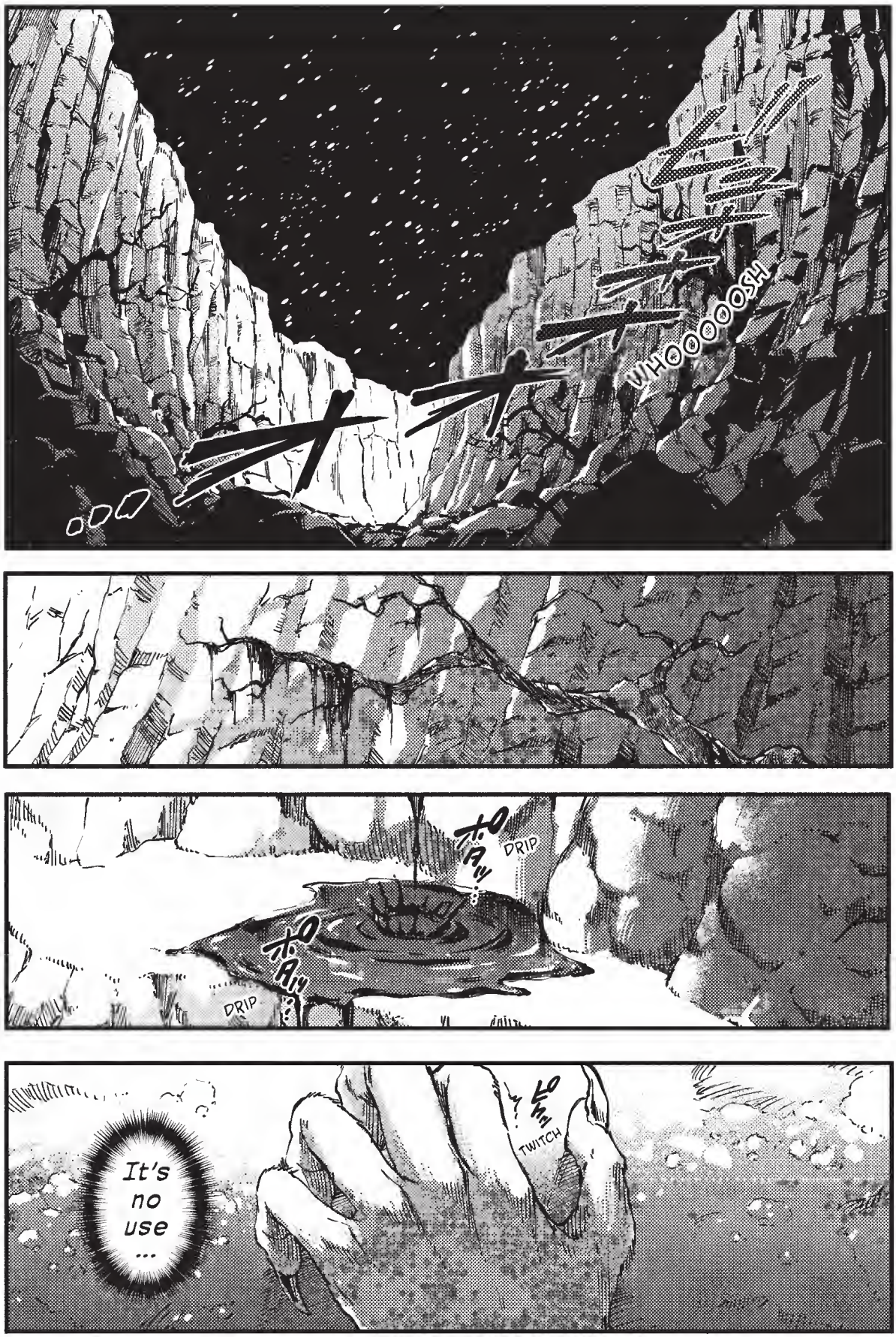


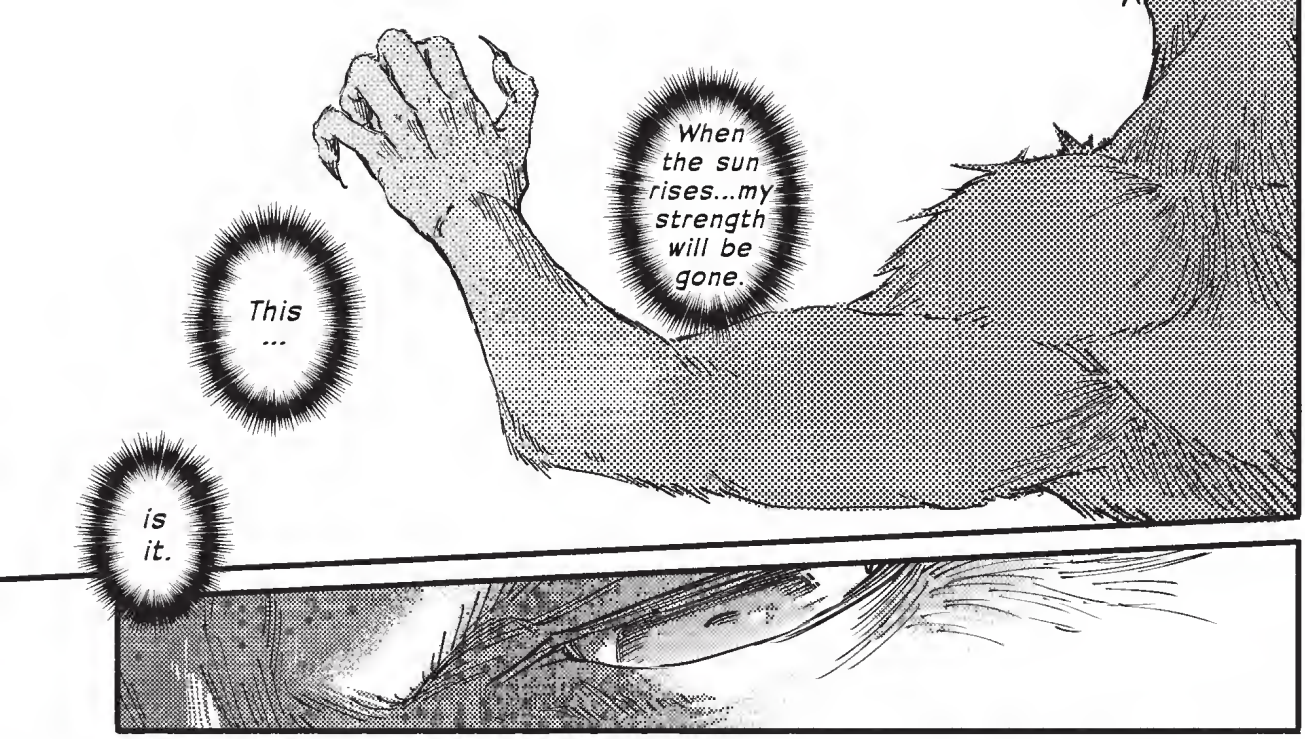

DASH
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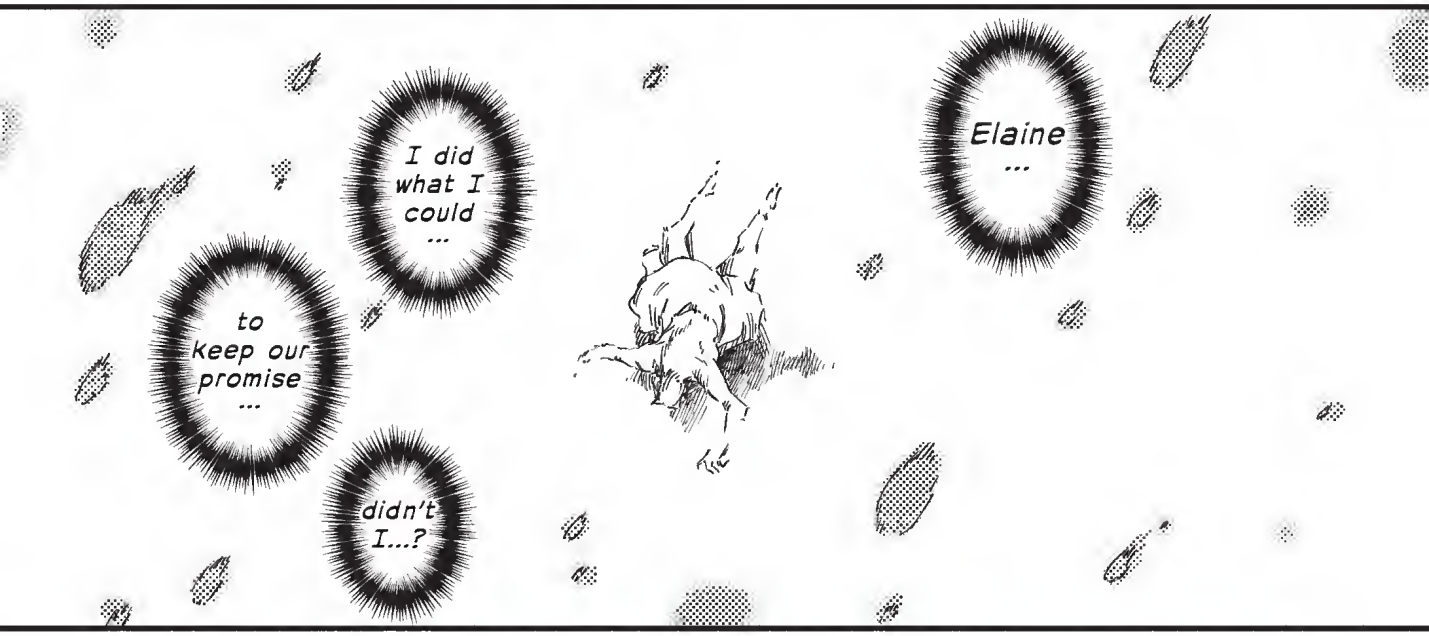

He jumped into the ravine ...?!
He's getting away from me...!


So ...
you'll go to him?
Yes, sir ...!


HAAAAAAAAANK!!!
KEEP FIR-ING !!
WHIPP
CON-TINUE THE AT-TACK !!


VHOOOOOSH
DRIP
DRIP
It's no use ...
TWITCH


When the sun rises...my strength will be gone.
This ...
is it.


I did what I could ...
Elaine ...
to keep our promise ...
didn't I...?


... Hank !!
!!


Hold on!
I'll —...
I can't believe... my dying vision
isn't you, Elaine...
Ha ha...

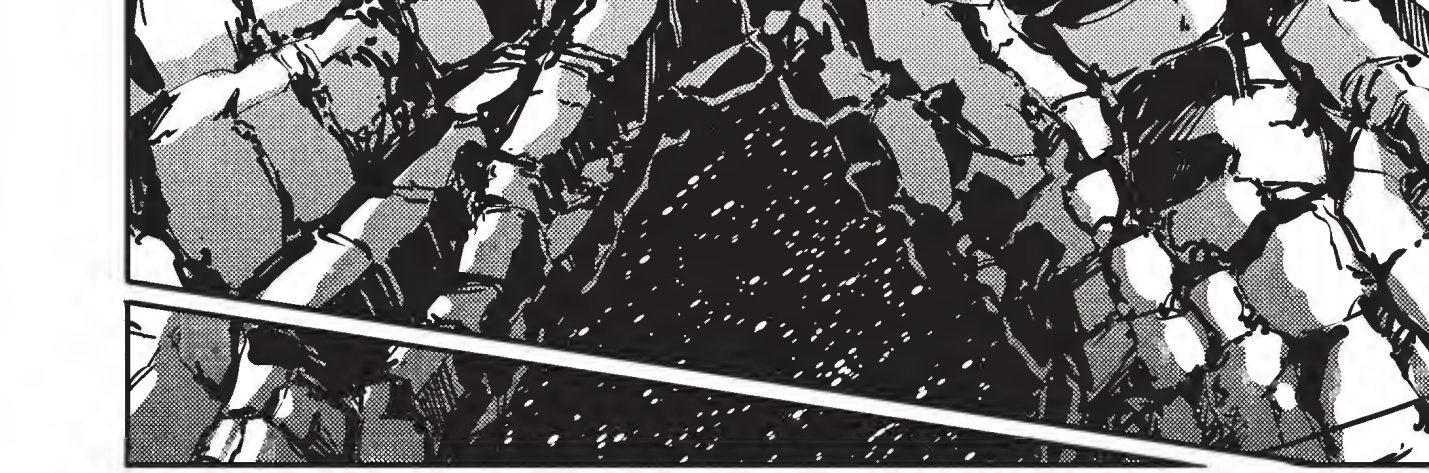

...!!
GASP
What on earth...?
I'm ...
alive?


Here you go!
A cup of tea, Hank.
...
heh...

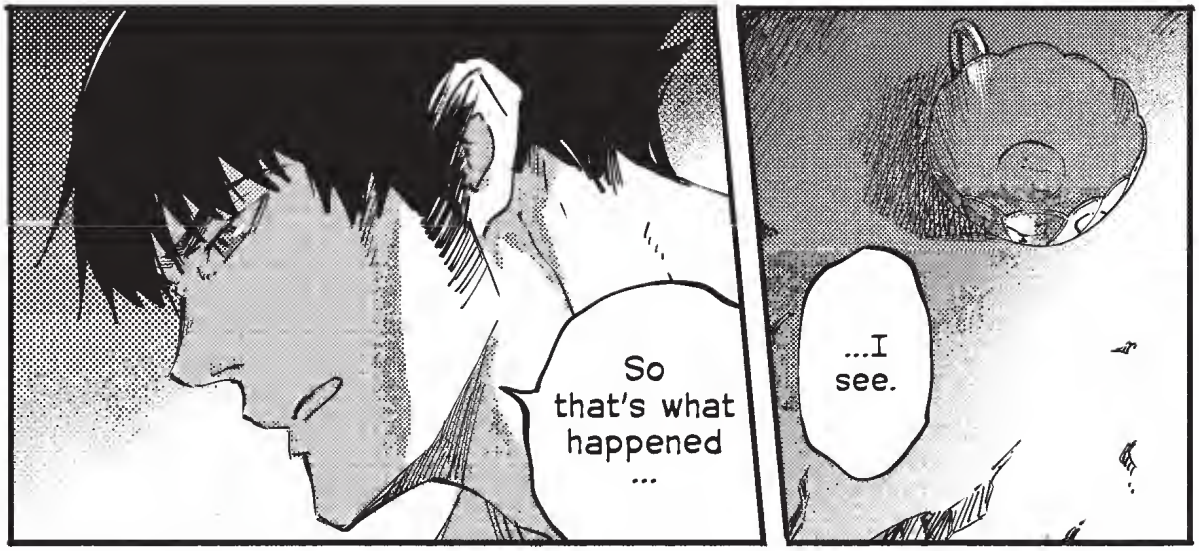

You never change...
KLINK
It looks like you haven't either, Hank.
I'm glad ...
...
Yeah ...?


Oh, no, I haven't!
I'm not any taller at all!
...?
You've grown a little.
I take it back... You have changed.
That must be it...
Maybe you're wider, then.
EXCUSE ME?! I THINK THAT'S UNCALLED FOR!
Anyway... I'm glad you're all right.


That was cruel, Hank.
Leaving me behind and going off by yourself...
... Yeah.
I didn't say anything
because I thought you already understood well enough.
Couldn't you have just told me
why my father had to be killed...?!
I saw him... My father.
Alive, in the village where I grew up.
...?!
What... are you saying?!






So that's what happened ...
...I see.


That's why —
I wanted to tell you that...
Knowing he could be killed by you, by someone who remembered him as human...
He was afraid of turning into a Beast...
and your vow was his saving grace.
...You're forgiving me?


What peace will it give them
if you forgive the sin
of the murder of my comrades ?!


BANG
BANG
Form a line, soldiers !!
Line up your throats so I can rip them out in one swoop!!
Where ...
Where are you?!
There you are!!
BANG


VVBOOMM
What ...
Only one?!
BANG
BANG
BANG


So much faster and stronger than us,
and you make for such a small target...
This is the only move you have left,
Incar-nate.
We have large-caliber rifles and over-pressure ammo
devel-oped specially for us ...
Highly-skilled soldiers who can move independently in the absence of a commander...
and ...
a sacrifice, to pin you down.

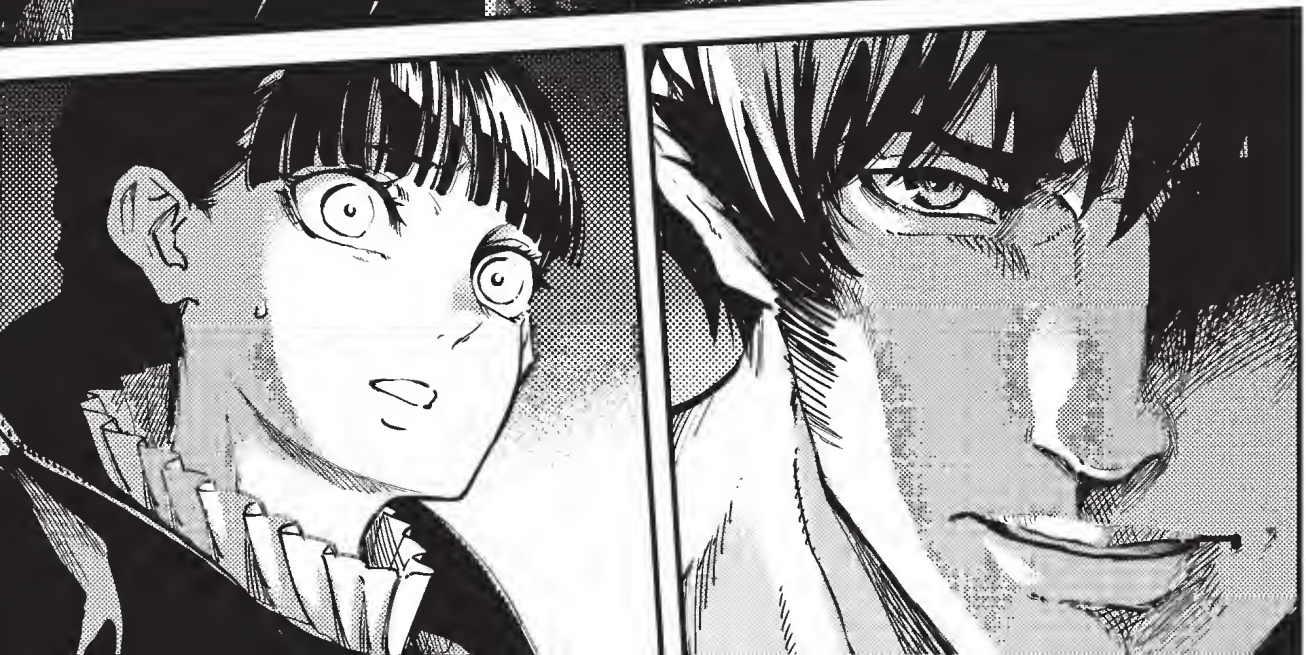

Times have changed ...
This is the only way we can fight you...
but our bullets will rain down on you 'til the last man falls.
ZPAATCH
SWING
Is this any way to do battle?!
Is this ...
without rhyme or reason !!!
Die !!
Die like we did...

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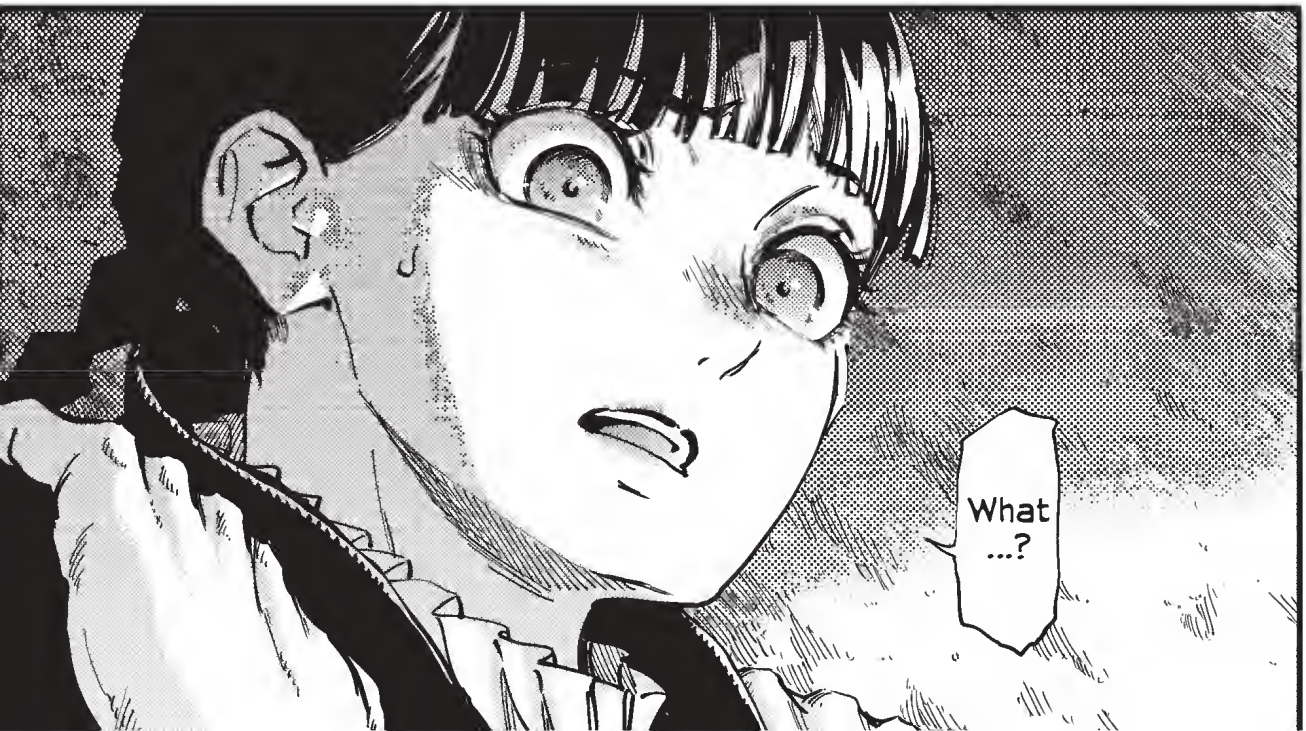



Those who lose their humanity shall be slain by their comrades.
I've fought this hard by keeping faith in the pledge
that we made that day...
WHO WANTED TO LIVE...
AND I'VE MURDERED MY COMRADES

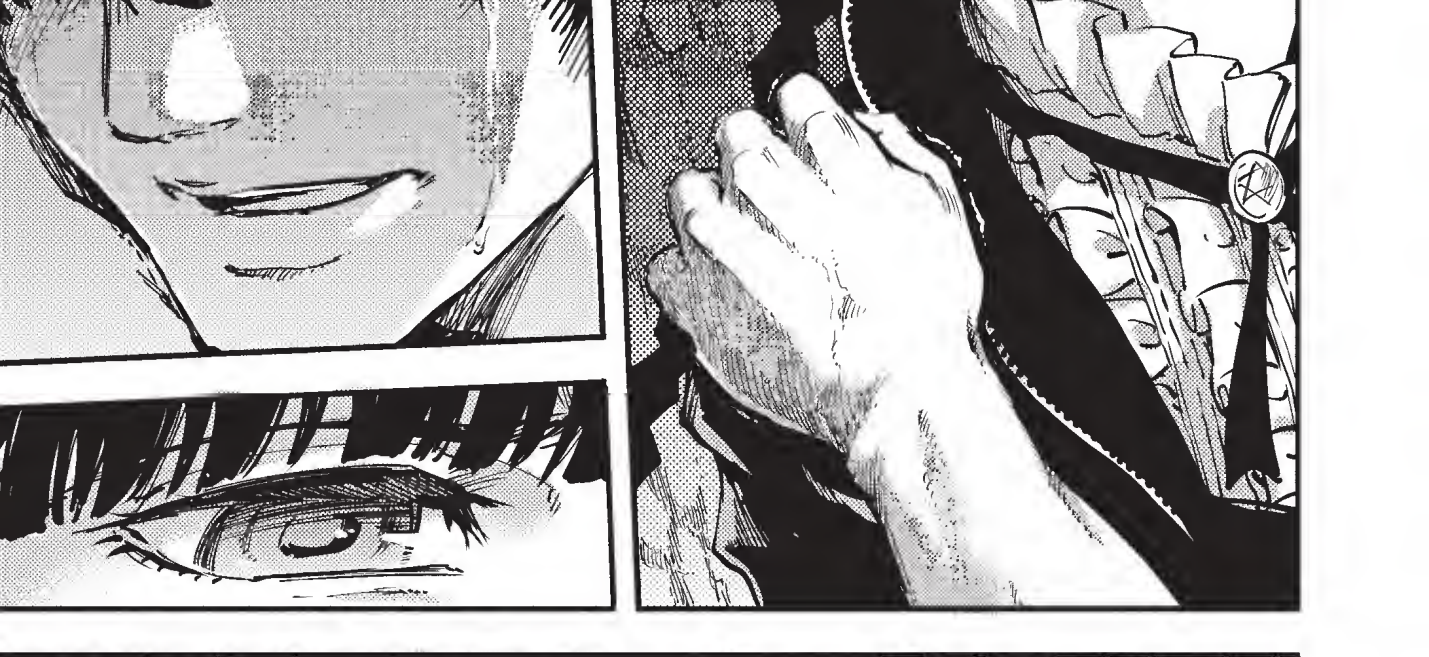

That's why... I... can't let myself forget.
I can't forget the last vow we made to one another as humans!!
But still ...
I just ...

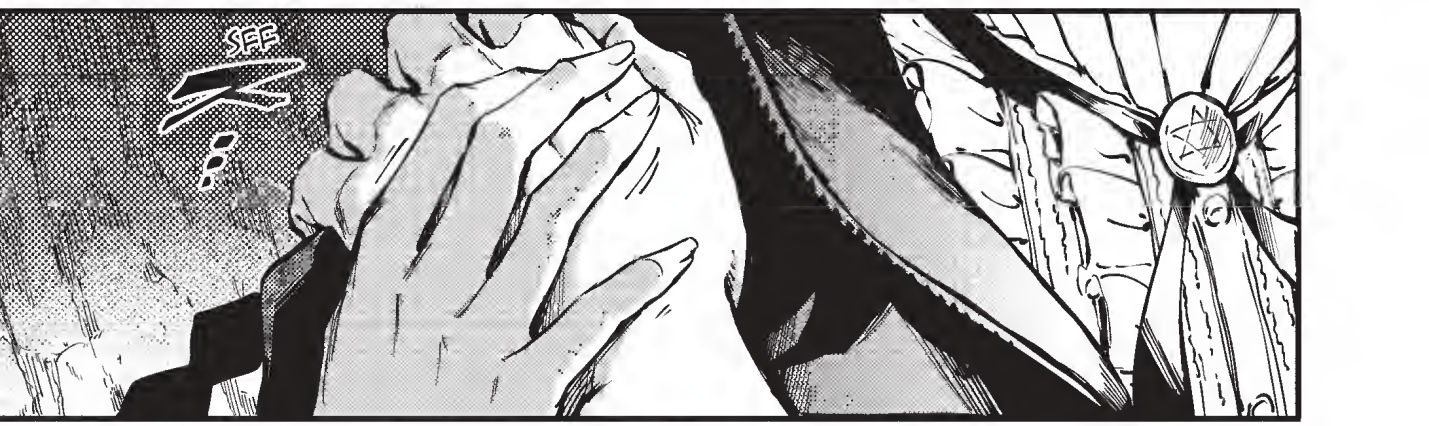

Hey, Schaal ...
TMP...
Fuu...

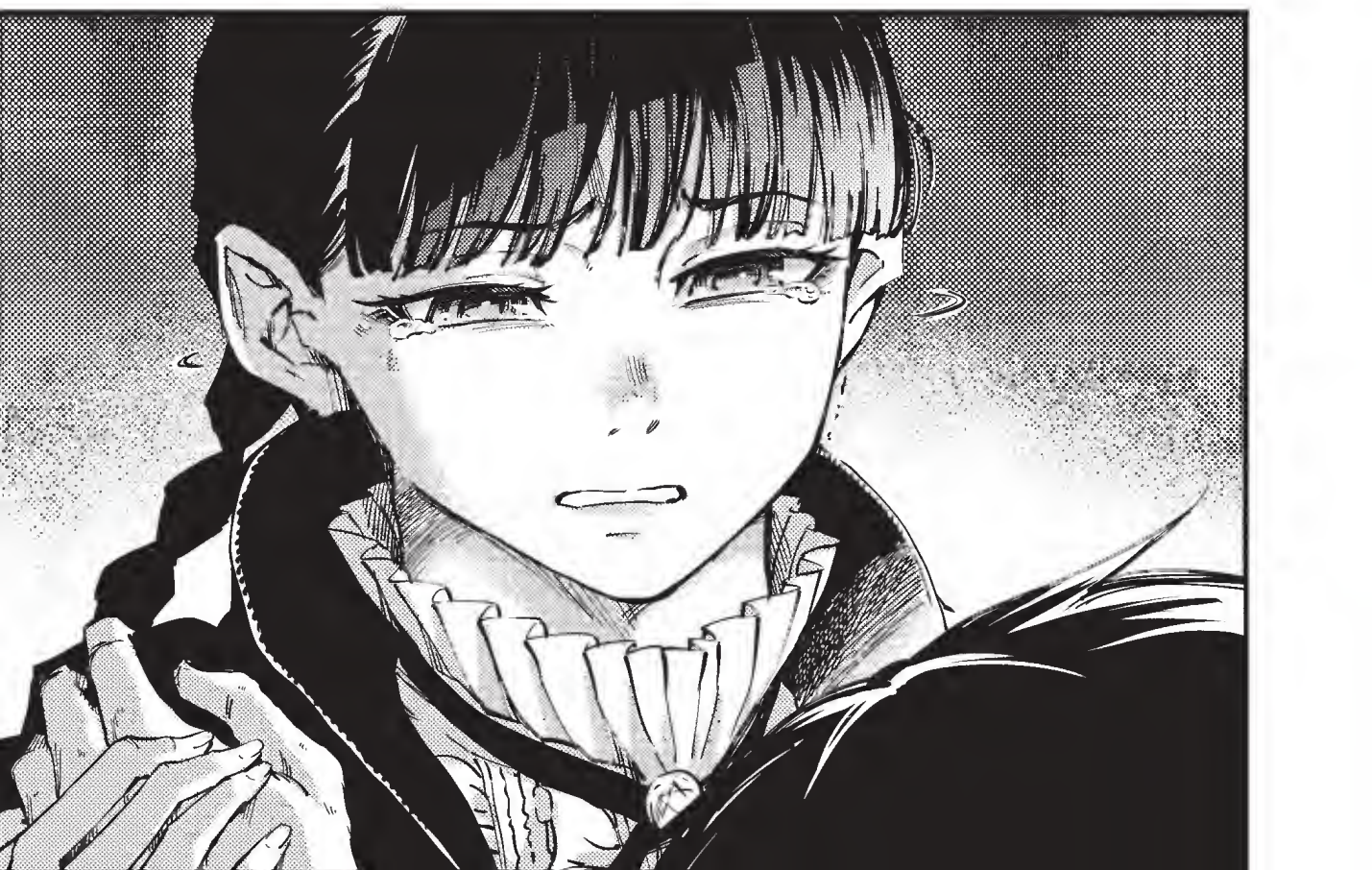

Would you... kill me?

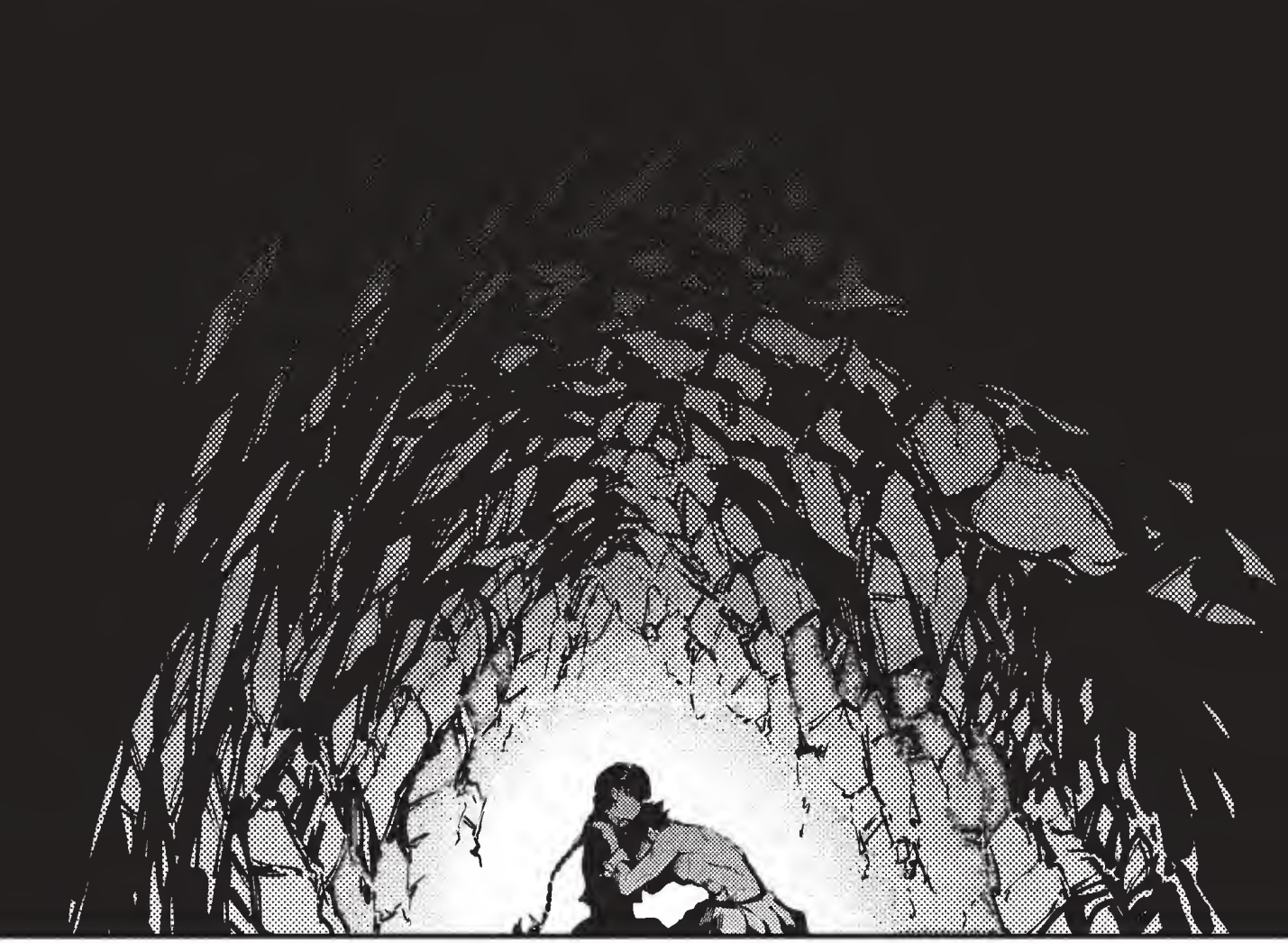

What ...?

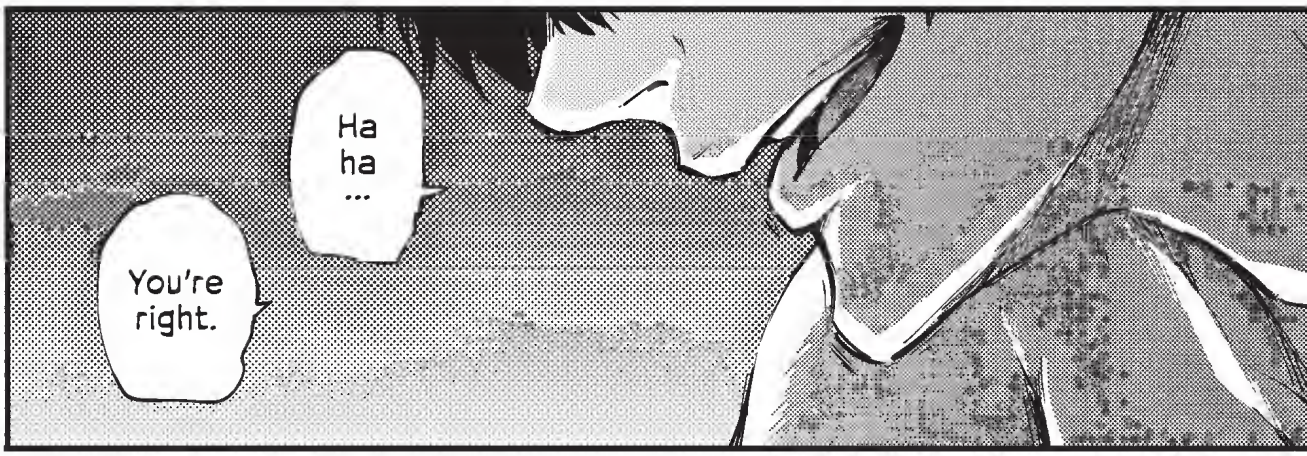

I can tell.
Every time I use my powers, I become less and less myself...
And I'm afraid of fully transforming into a Beast...
Afraid of losing the humanity that will let me fulfill our vow...!
I want to die while I still...
remember them...




SOB
?






Ha ha ...
You're right.


There's no way you can do that.
Sorry...


FLAP
I just want to ask one thing of you...


Please remember us.
Even just a little...


Re-
porting,
sir!
We
have
twelve
casual-
ties.
Eight are
incapa-
citated
and
cannot
con-
tinue
to
fight.
GOOOOO


haa...
haa...
Grrgh ...
WHUMP
Uh...
Make that nine.
He should've taken plenty of damage by now...
Incarnates really don't fall so easily.
I guess we have ...
no choice.


Where is he ...
Where's the commanding officer?!
No matter how disciplined these troops are,
if I take out their leader...
!!
.....


SHFF
It's him ...!!
ZSSH
Right there, out in the open...
GABAASH
How stupid of him!
ZHAA


Ha ha ha!
Not bad for a bunch of humans...
But once I crush you, this is over...!!
GRIN
GRRIKK


I KNEW YOU WOULD COME AFTER ME.
YOU THINK EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE IF YOU JUST KILL ME, THE COMMANDING OFFICER.
?!


I put myself out as bait
to lure you into position...
This time, fire will come from all directions.
Can you survive that ...?
Then it'll hit you, too...
Is that the role of a commander in the field...?!
This troop moves according to plan.
And once they start doing so, there's no need for a commander.
You've stepped right into our trap,
you Beast.


BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG



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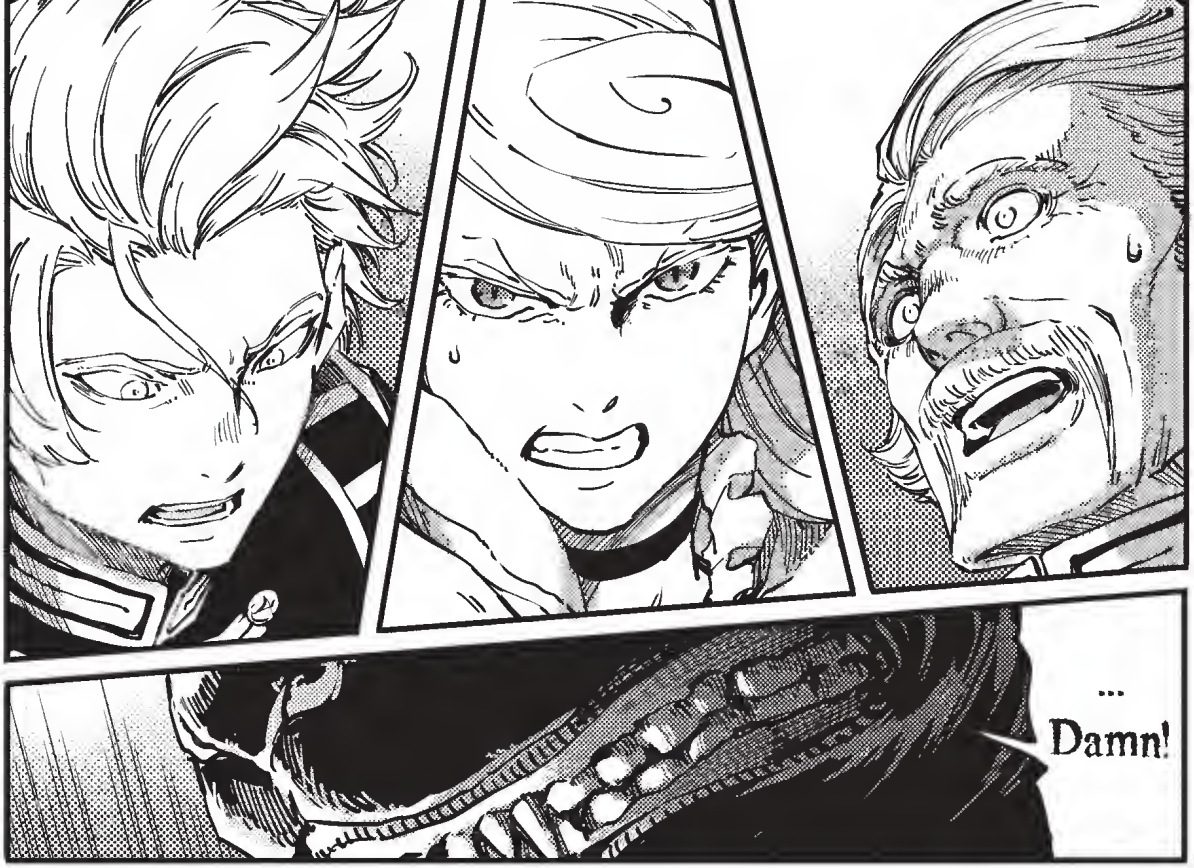


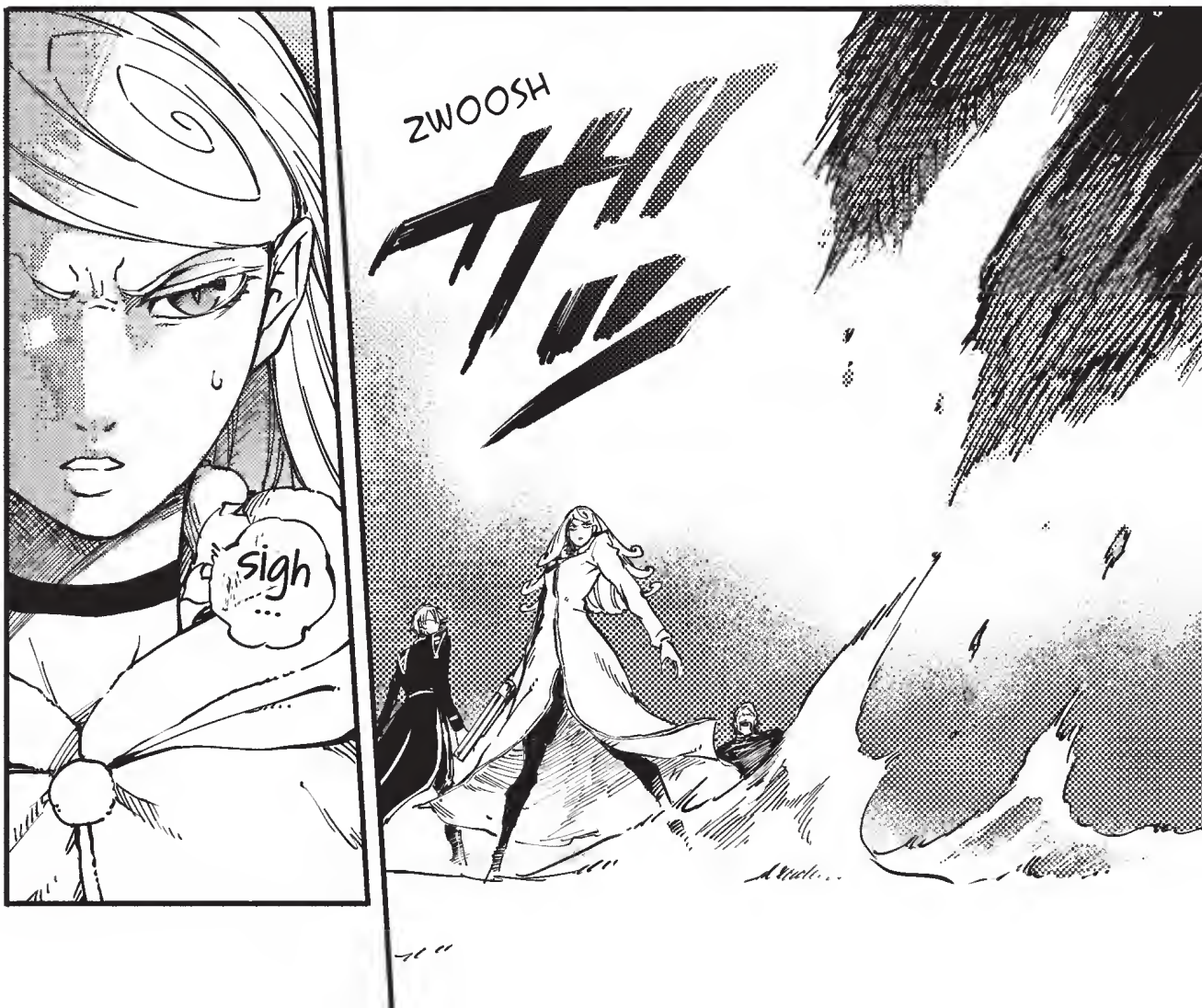
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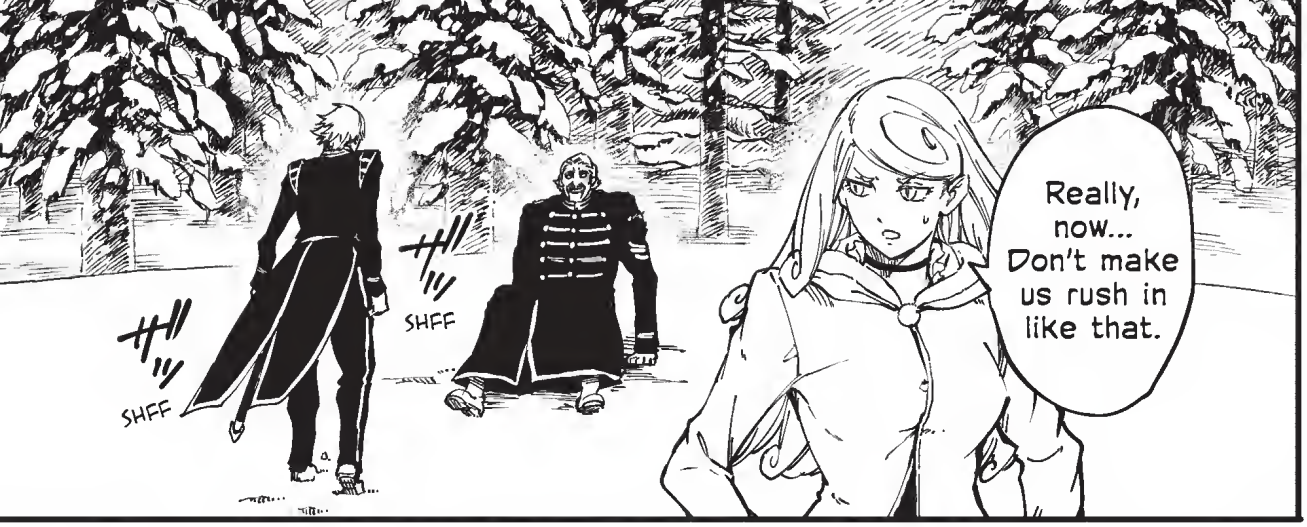


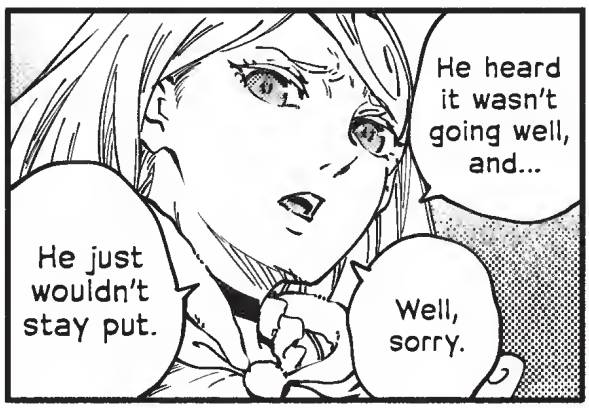

GERALD!!
ZSSH
ZSSH
ZSSH
ZSSH


SHFF
BANG


...
Damn!


ZWOOSH
sigh
...

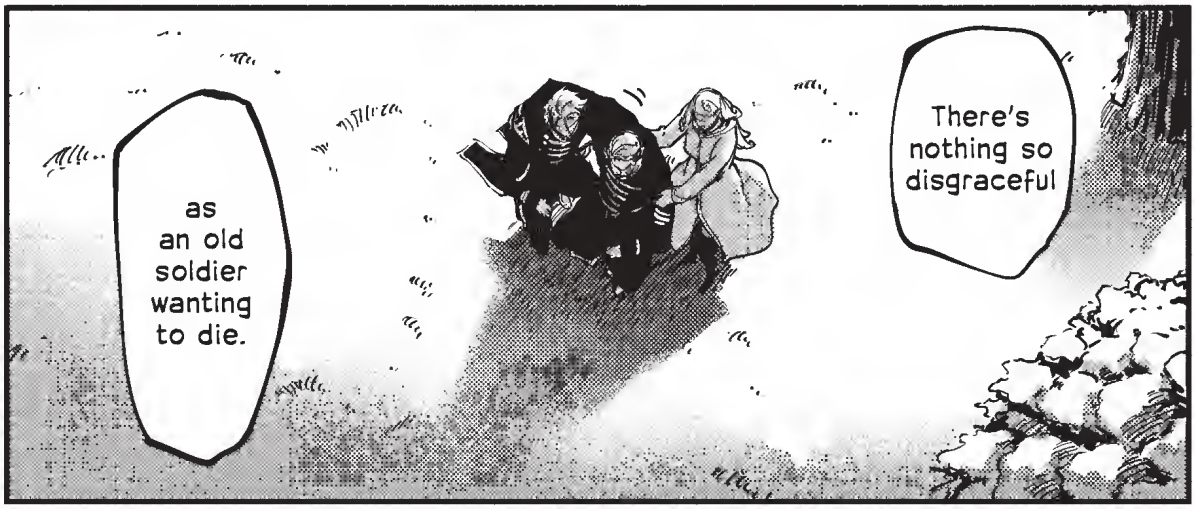

SHFF
SHFF
Really, now... Don't make us rush in like that.

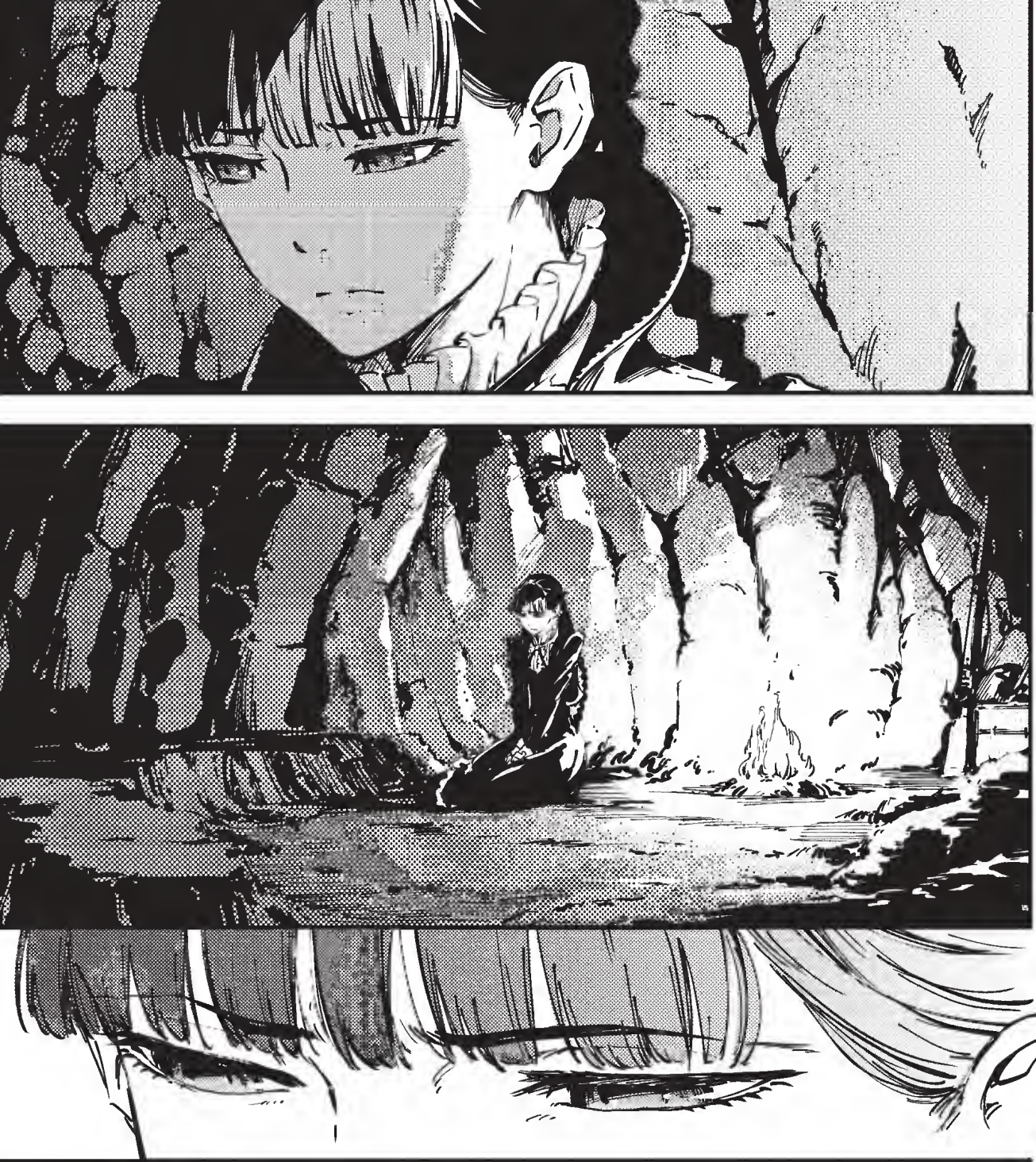

He heard it wasn't going well, and...
He just wouldn't stay put.
Well, sorry.


Major ...
What are you doing here...?


Never try such a tactic again.

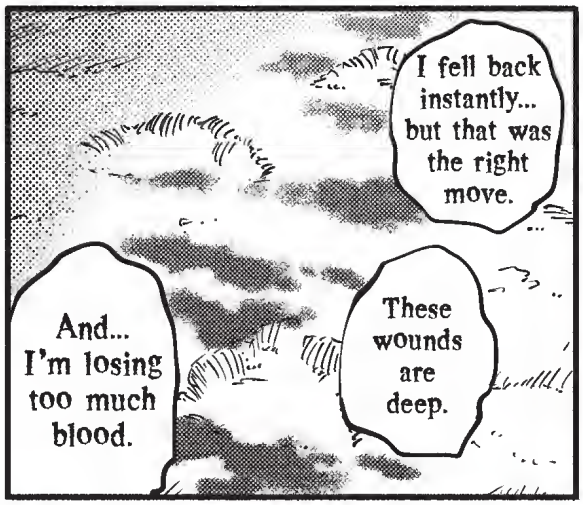

It's difficult to fight a battle without sacrifices.
But... if you sacrifice yourself, you're just like the Incarnates.
And that is not how human beings fight...!
Indeed ...
heh...


There's nothing so disgraceful
as an old soldier wanting to die.


Would you kill me...?
What peace will it give them if you forgive the sin
of the murder of my comrades ?!


If killing one's comrades really is a sin that can't be forgiven,
then maybe for Hank ...
only death... only the end can give him salvation.
But ...
is that really what he needs now?!
Is he seeking forgiveness and death ?!
What he's truly seeking ...
What he needs now is...!
... Hank !!




I fell back instantly... but that was the right move.
These wounds are deep.
And... I'm losing too much blood.




!!


For now. I'll have to evade pursuit and heal.
And then... it still won't be too late for the hunt...


Hank
...
I knew it... You're alive.
Or maybe I should say... you're not dead yet.


You don't look so good yourself.
We might be able to take each other down ...


Ha ha ha ha!
Heh heh ...
to buy time with chit-chat until nightfall ?!
Are you really trying
You're so spineless that you can't win even with your Incarnate strength...
You already know that, don't you?
But it's no use taking your Beast form.


No ...
I'll do whatever it takes
to keep the vow I made that day.
Those who lose their humanity shall be slain by their com-rades.


We're not longing for death, either...!
We haven't lost our humanity!
Don't drag the rest of us into your delusions!
I have a place to go home to!
I have a future before me!
So go away ...
YOU ARE THE PAST!!!


The past...
He's right. I am the past.
A pitiful creature trapped in days gone by...
It's all right...
I've done enough ...
Pretty good for just one man.
The last thing I do... will be to take you with me!
So gobble me up...!



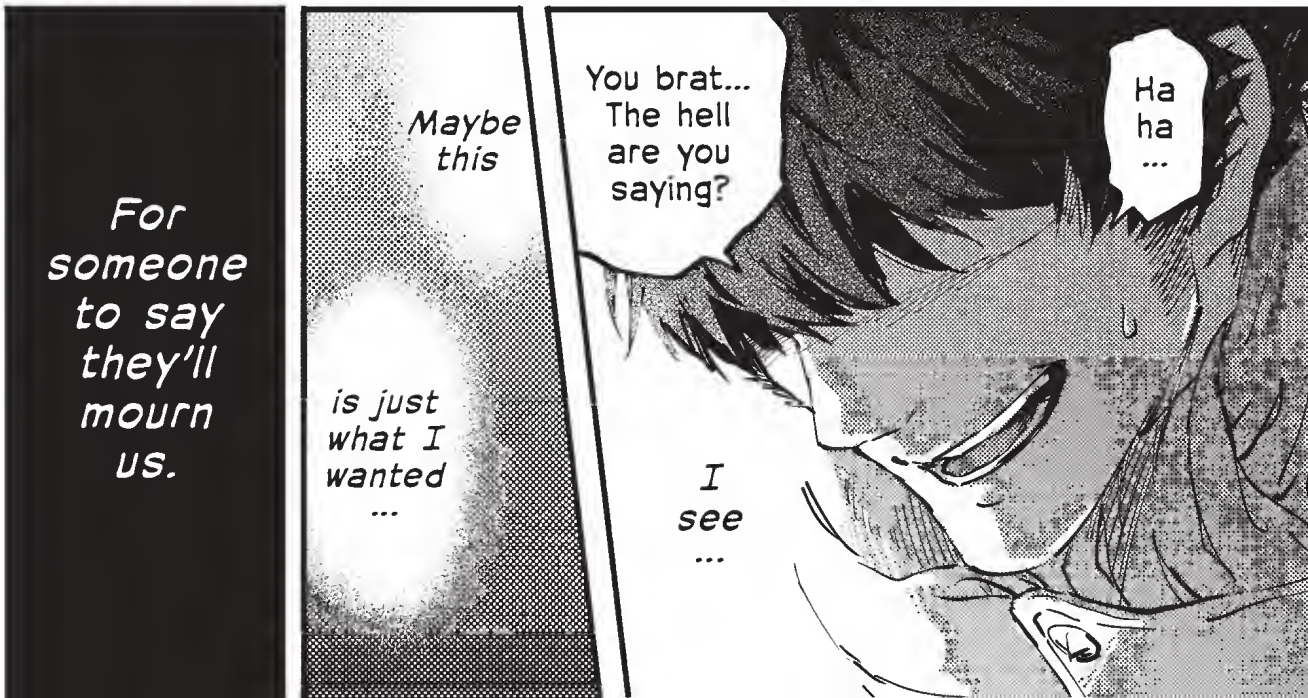

BANG
BANG
BANG
AAAA


Schaal ...?
Please live!
Live ...
and keep fighting until the end!


And if...
if you do become a Beast, Hank...
then ...
when that time comes, I'll kill you.


I'll do it for you...
as a human.

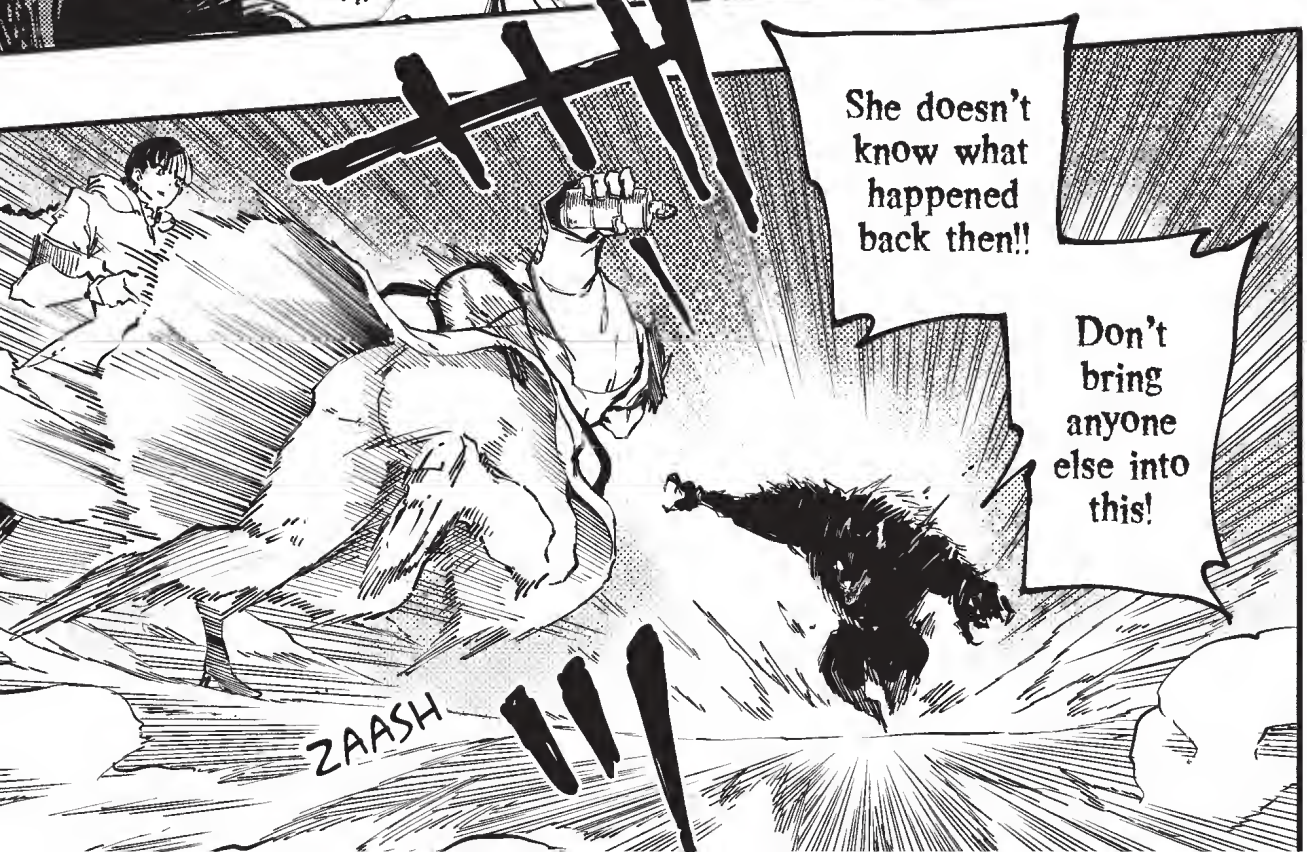

That's... my pledge to you.
So you go on and keep yours, too, Hank!
For the sake of the Beasts, who have no hope for forgiveness or salvation ...
end this as a human being.


For someone to say they'll mourn us.
Maybe this
is just what I wanted ...
You brat... The hell are you saying?
I see ...
Ha ha ...


Schaal
...
...!!



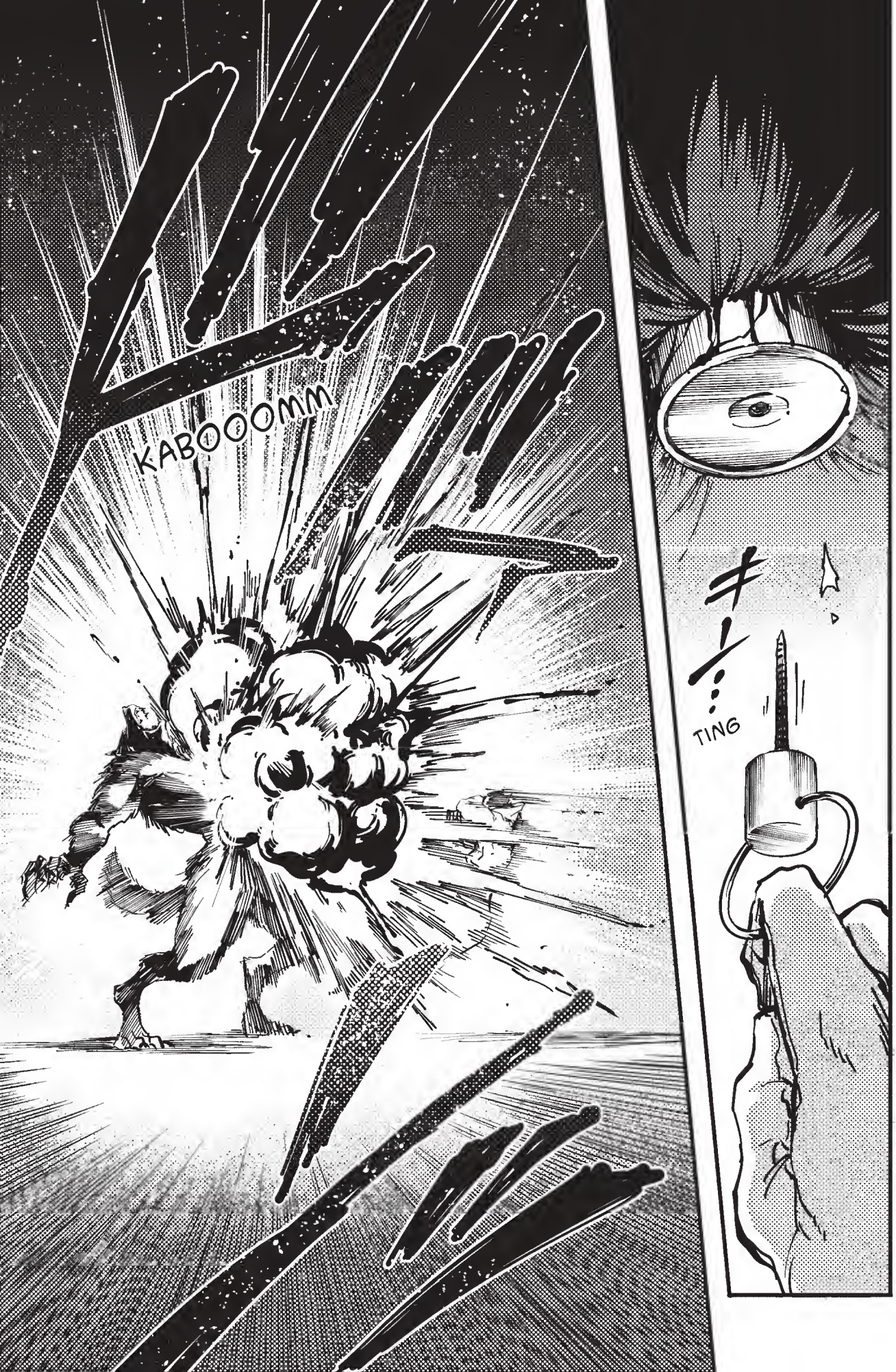

What're you doing
clinging to that girl, Hank?!


She doesn't know what happened back then!!
Don't bring anyone else into this!
ZAASH


LEAP



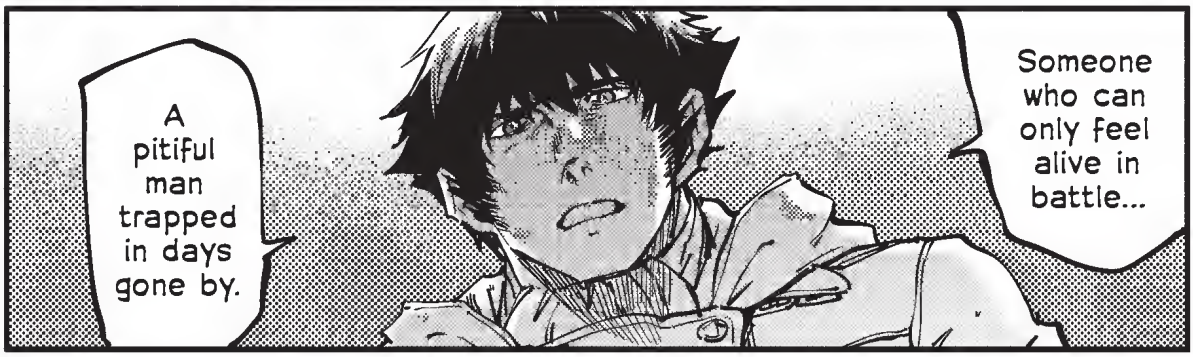

BSHUNK
SQUIDGE


KABOOOMM
キー!!
TING




ザリ
ZSSH
ザリ
ZSSH


This is the way you are.
There we go... I knew it.
Ha ha ha ...


A pitiful man trapped in days gone by.
Someone who can only feel alive in battle...


You're ... me.
Roy ...

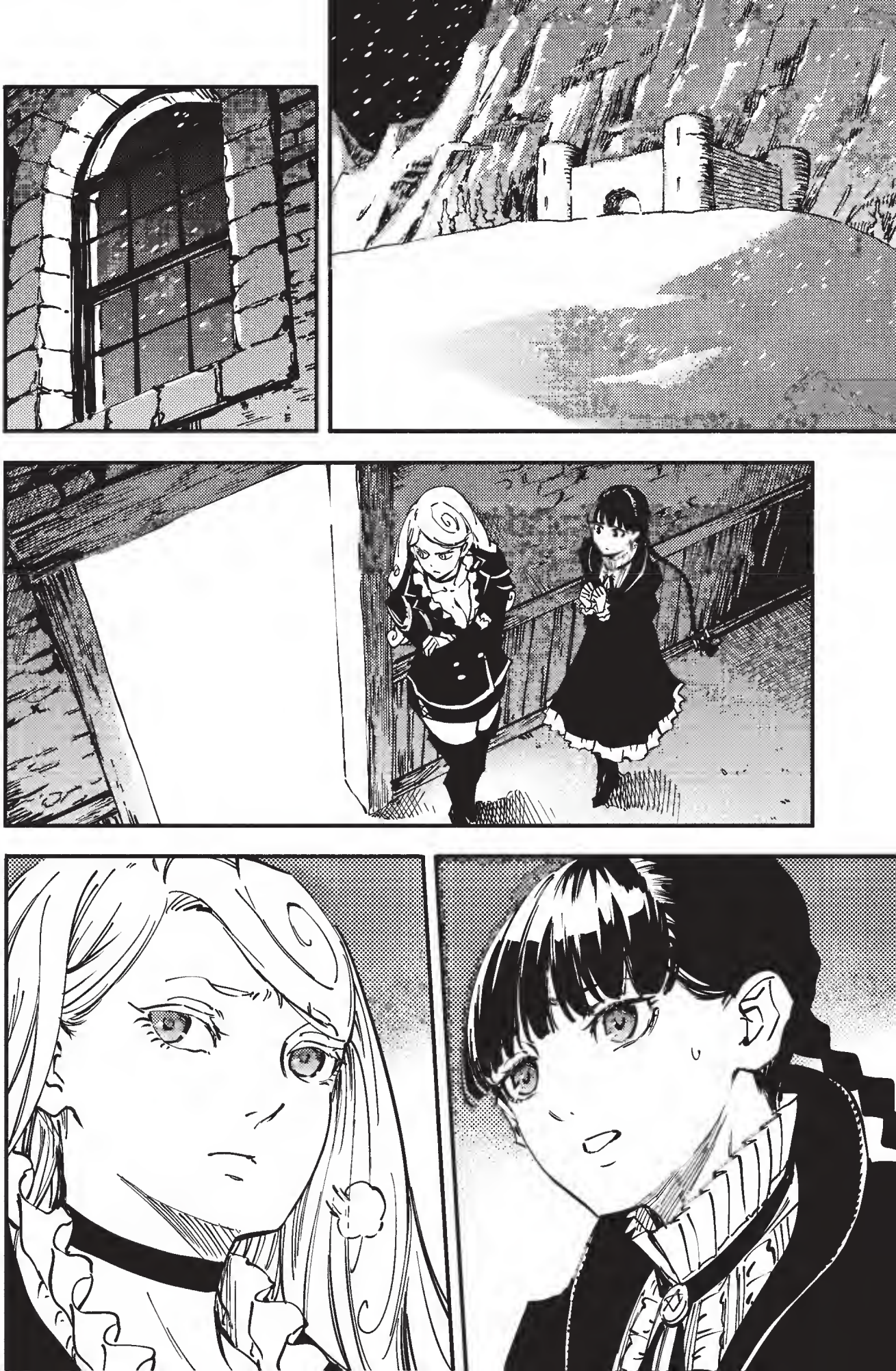

I became... the same as you...
That's right ...
The three of us... will never rush through a battlefield together again.
It really is... a shame...
on the battle-field...
my light... that shone ...
You were ...
great ...
you looked so...
Ah...

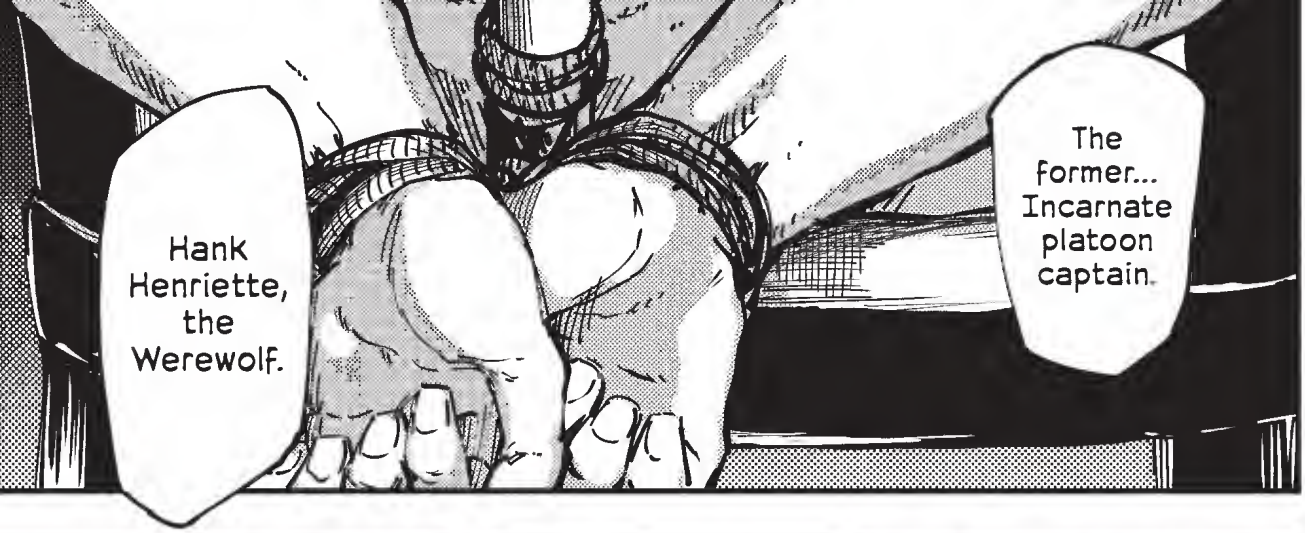


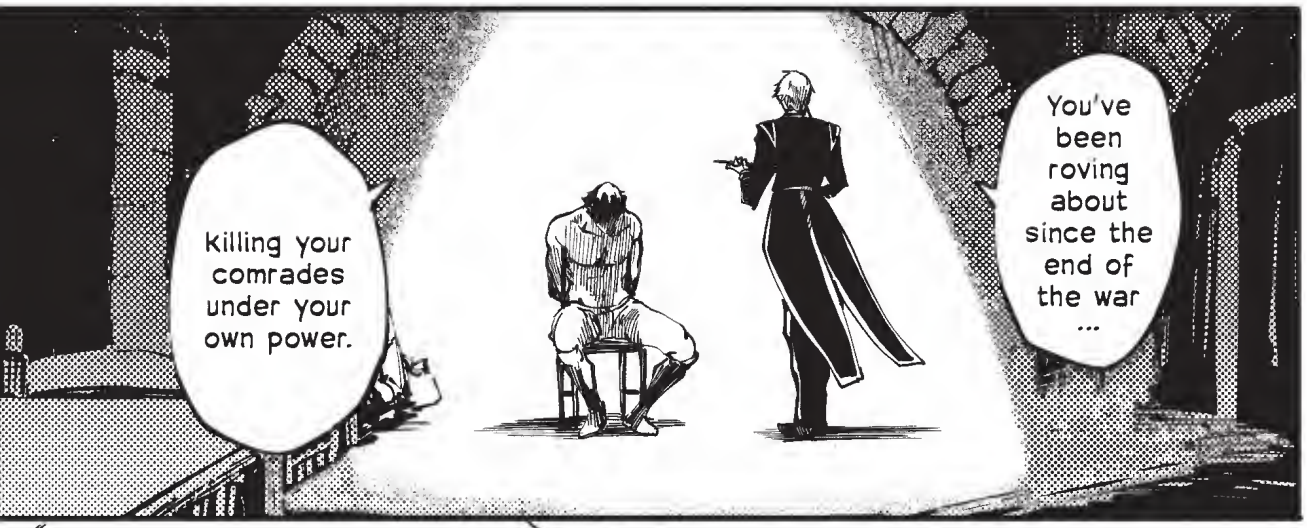



BANG

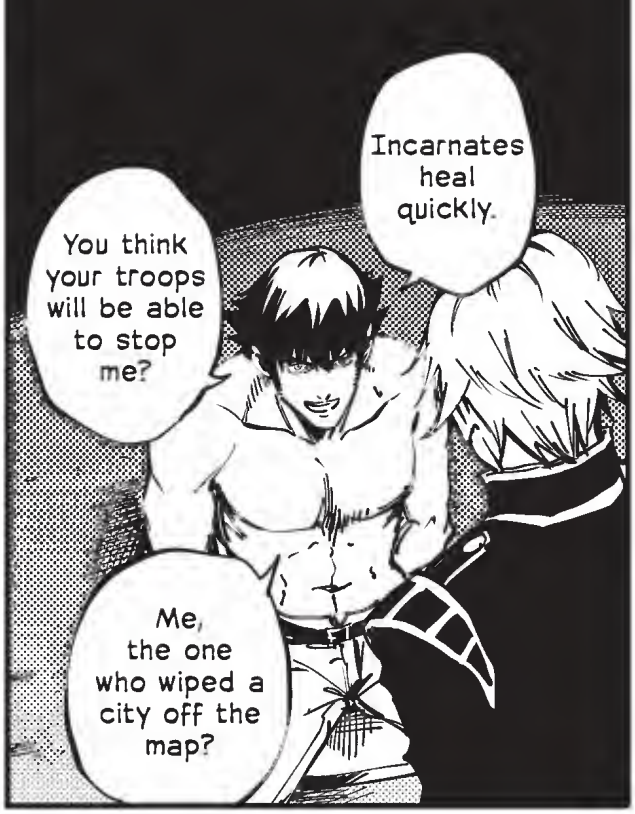

SHFF
SHFF
Hank!
SLUMP
WE MEET AT LAST,
HANK HENRI-ETTE,
"BEAST HUNTER."




Hank Henriette, the Werewolf.
The former... Incarnate platoon captain.

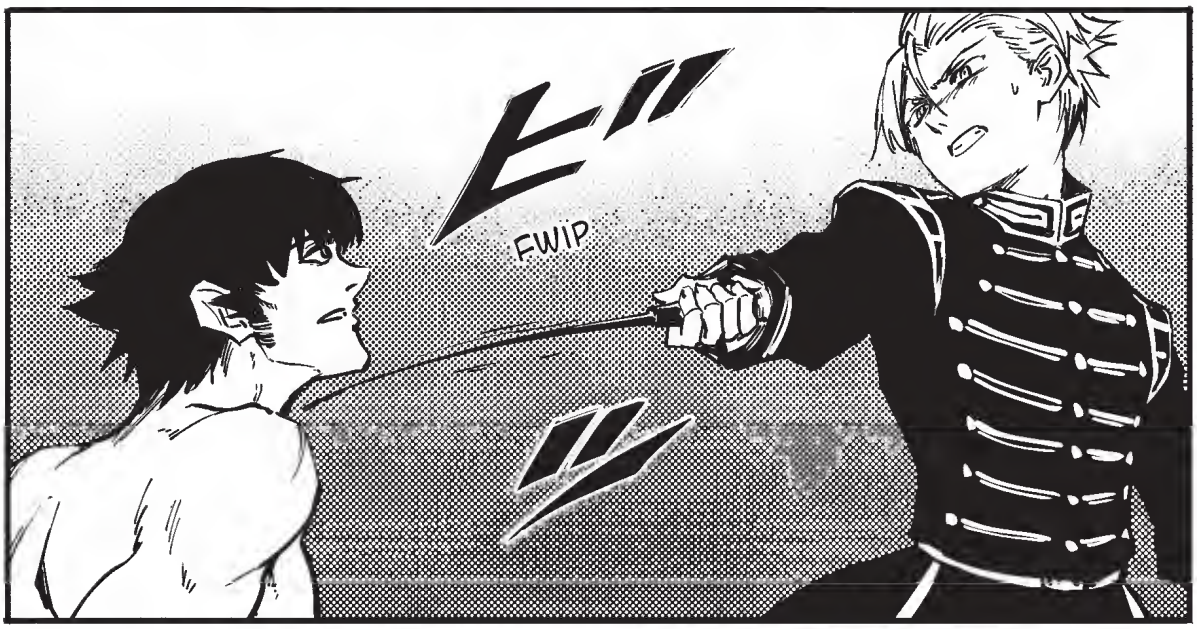

killing your comrades under your own power.
You've been roving about since the end of the war ...

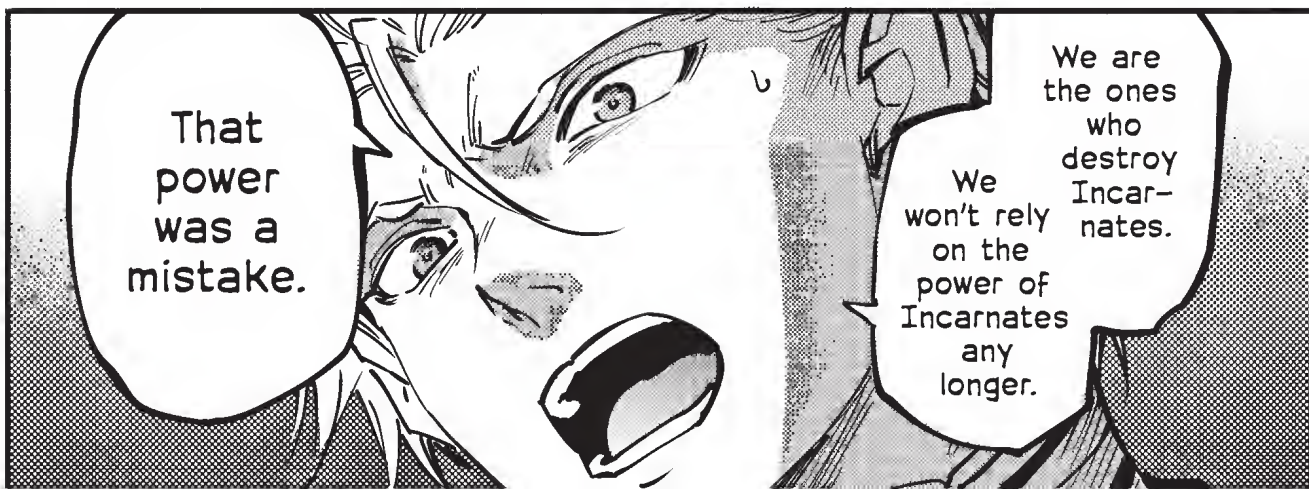

The Intelligence Bureau had hoped to tame you...
but that resulted in the Whitechurch Incident.


Incarnates heal quickly.
You think your troops will be able to stop me?
Me, the one who wiped a city off the map?

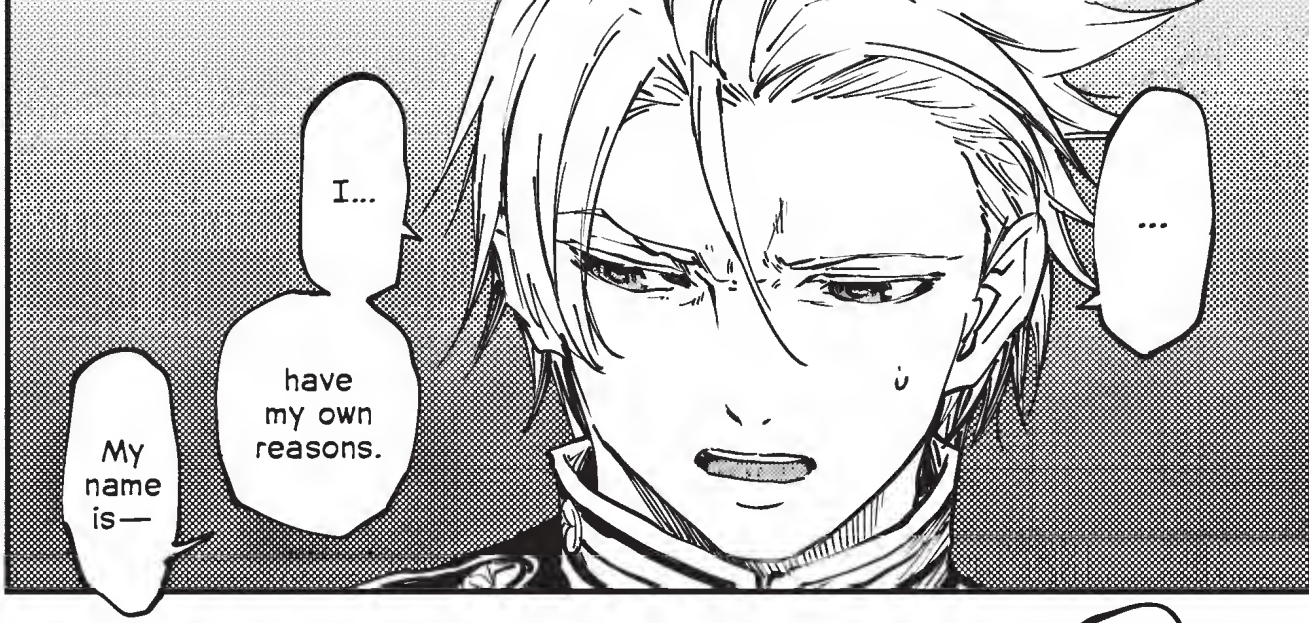

We are different. We won't grant you any freedom.
You will take the punishment you deserve.


Hauling me off to court, are you?
Ha ha


FWIP


That power was a mistake.
We won't rely on the power of Incarnates any longer.
We are the ones who destroy Incar-nates.


Tell you, will I?
Ha
That's why you're going to tell me everything you know about Incarnates.
You're right...
You won't keep anything from me.
Their powers, their character-istics, hiding places. Everything.
So you're taking over that role for me...?
What do you know about the war?
What do you know about them?
GASP
That woman right over there
has all of the information that you want.
IS HOW TO FINISH THEM OFF.
ALL I KNOW

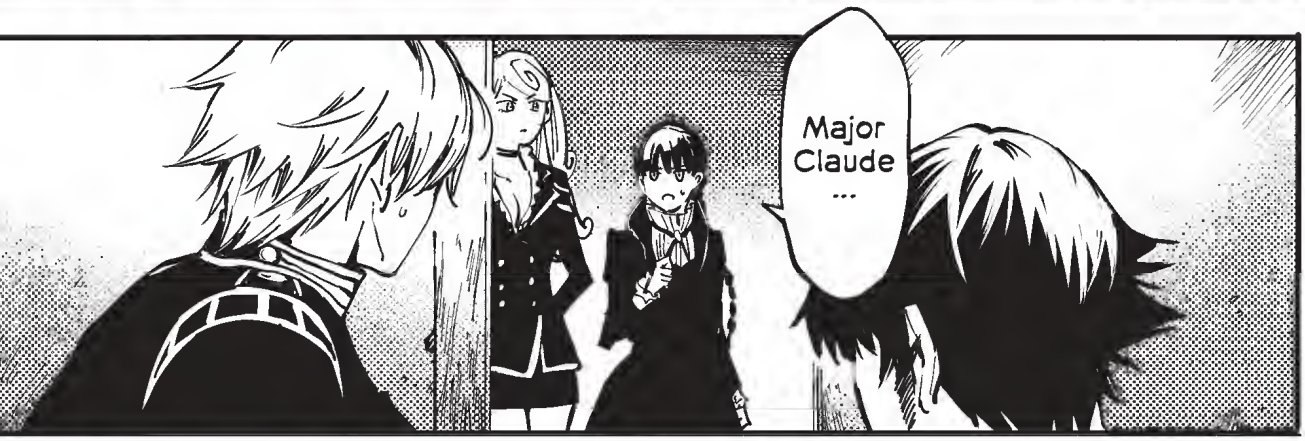

...
I...
have my own reasons.
My name is—


Claude Withers.
You're... Cain's younger brother, aren't you.


Why did he turn out that way?!
Tell me! Tell me, Hank!!
Tell me why my once-gentle brother did all that...!
Why did he abandon his family, become an Incarnate, and betray his home-land?!
KLATTER


I have to stop my brother.
No matter what it takes.

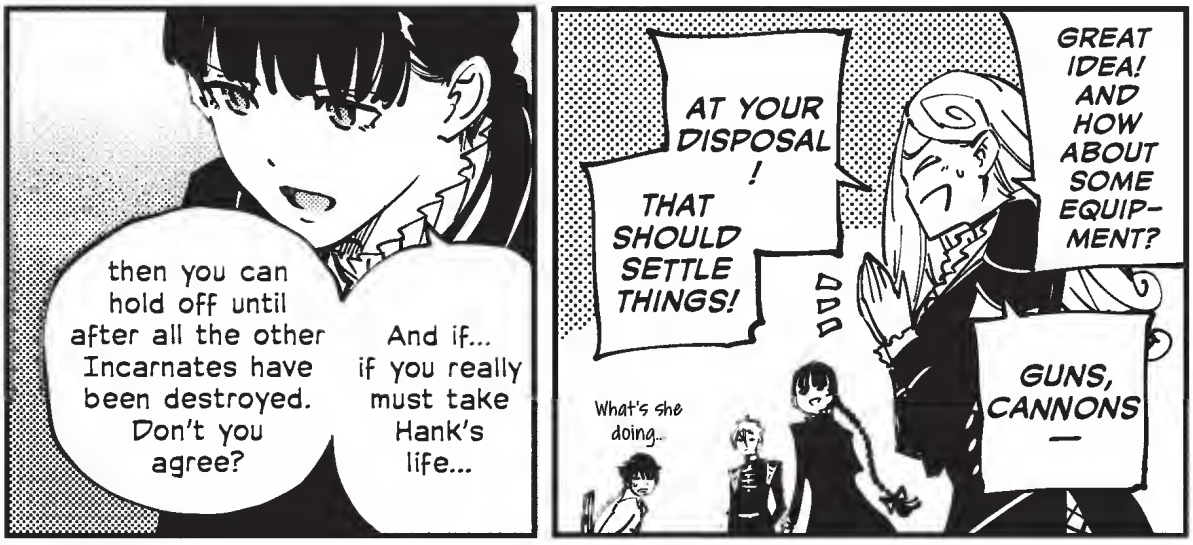

Aren't you planning to do that yourself?
He lost his humanity... There's nothing to do but kill him.
It doesn't matter why...


Major Claude ...

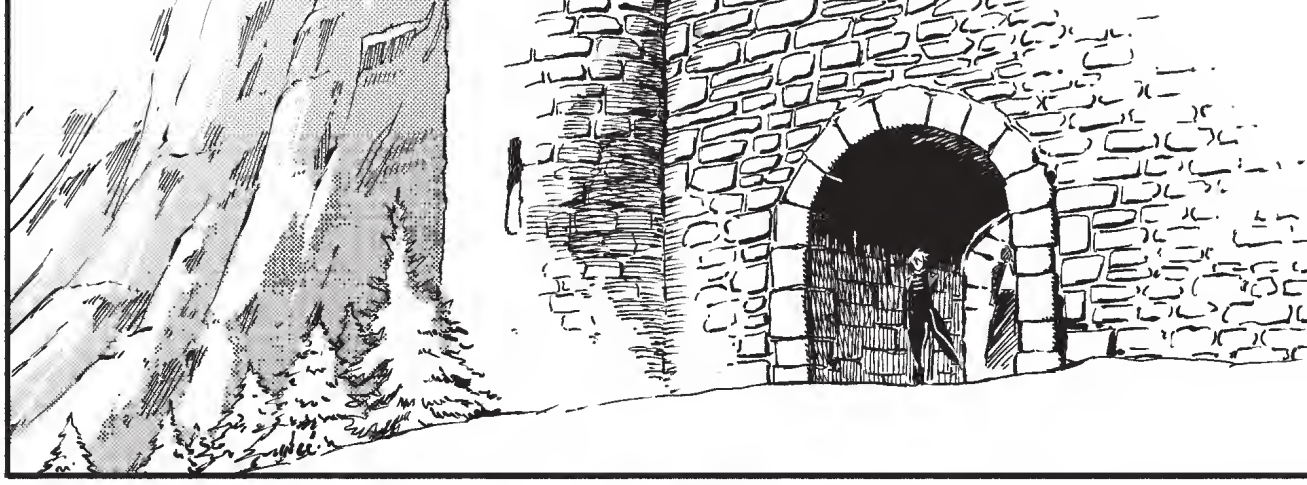

But... please let me say some-thing.
I want to thank you for bringing me with you, even though I'm not military.

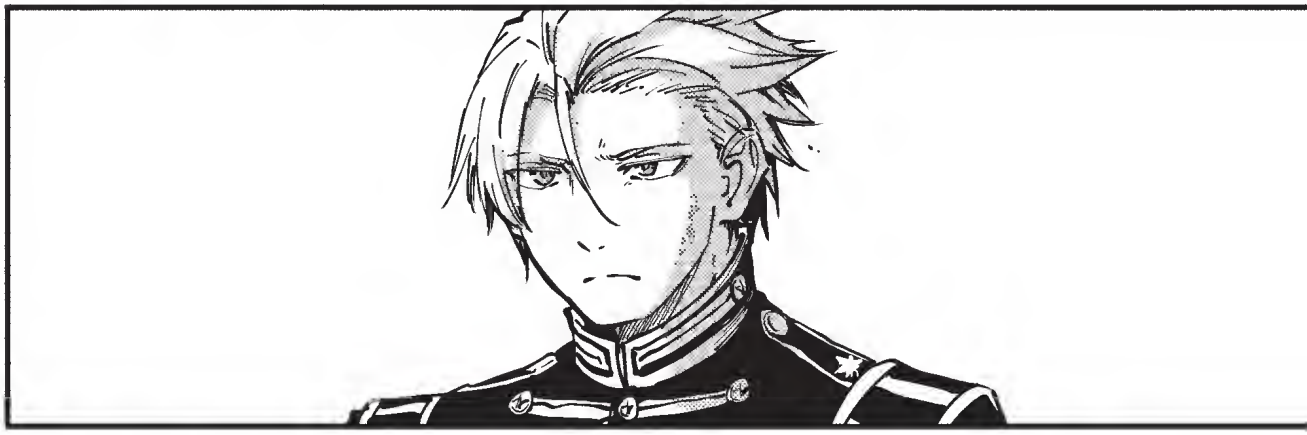

What good does it do to blame Hank?

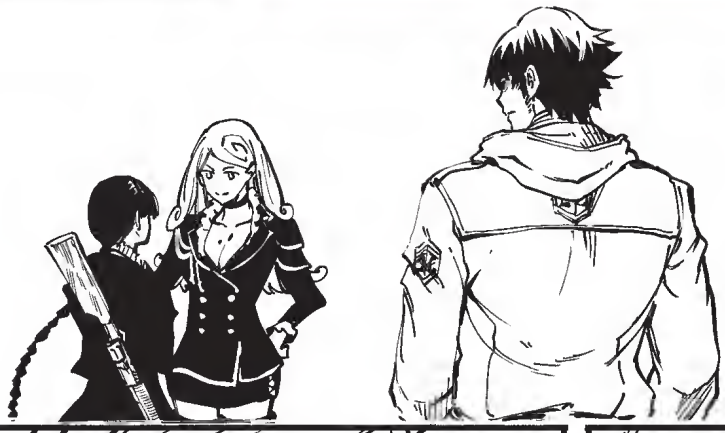

Just for now, can't you work together ...?
You may have some differences... but in the end your goal is the same.
Coup de Grace is a troop assembled to take down Incarnates.
Hank destroys Incarnates who've lost their humanity...

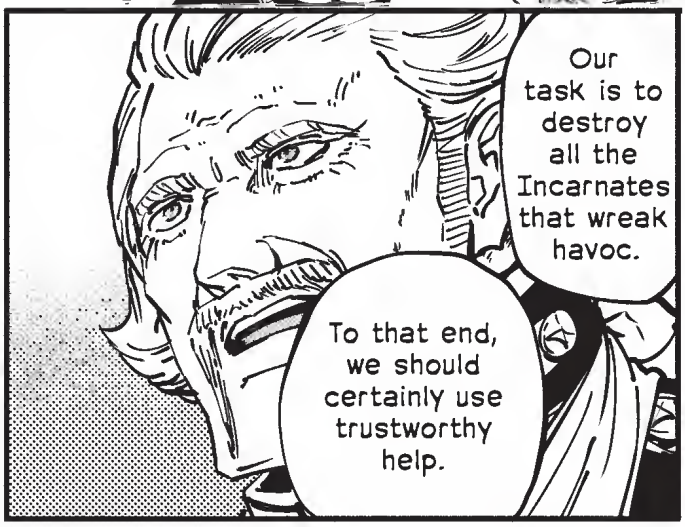

then you can hold off until after all the other Incarnates have been destroyed. Don't you agree?
And if... if you really must take Hank's life...
AT YOUR DISPOSAL!
THAT SHOULD SETTLE THINGS!
GREAT IDEA! AND HOW ABOUT SOME EQUIP-MENT?
GUNS, CANNONS —
What's she doing...


AFTER ALL, HANK ...
IS THE ONLY INCARNATE WHO WILL FIGHT OTHER INCAR-NATES.

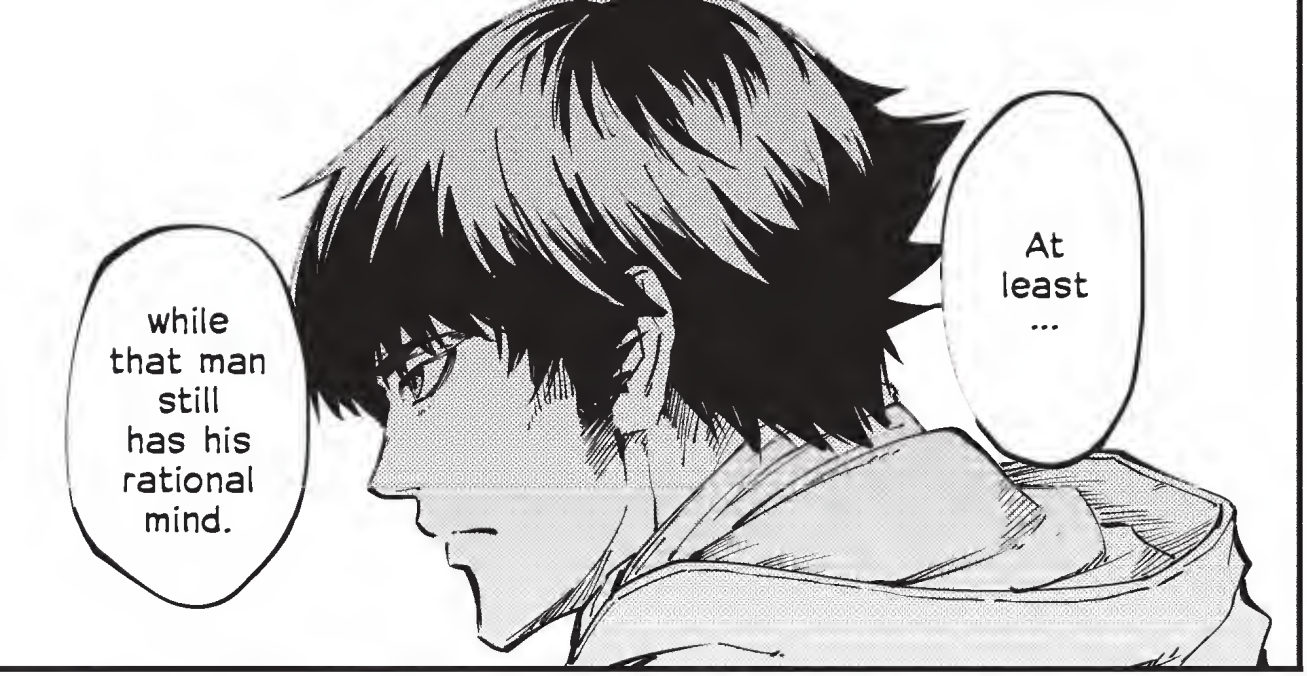


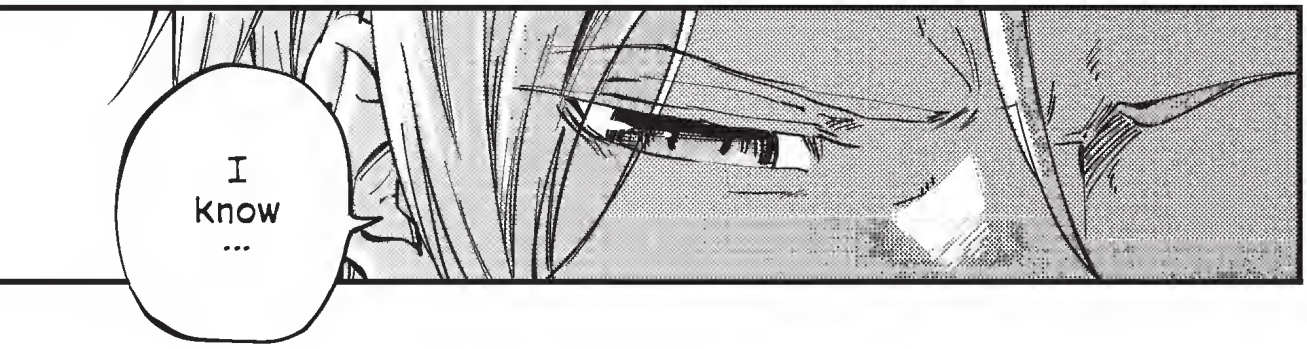


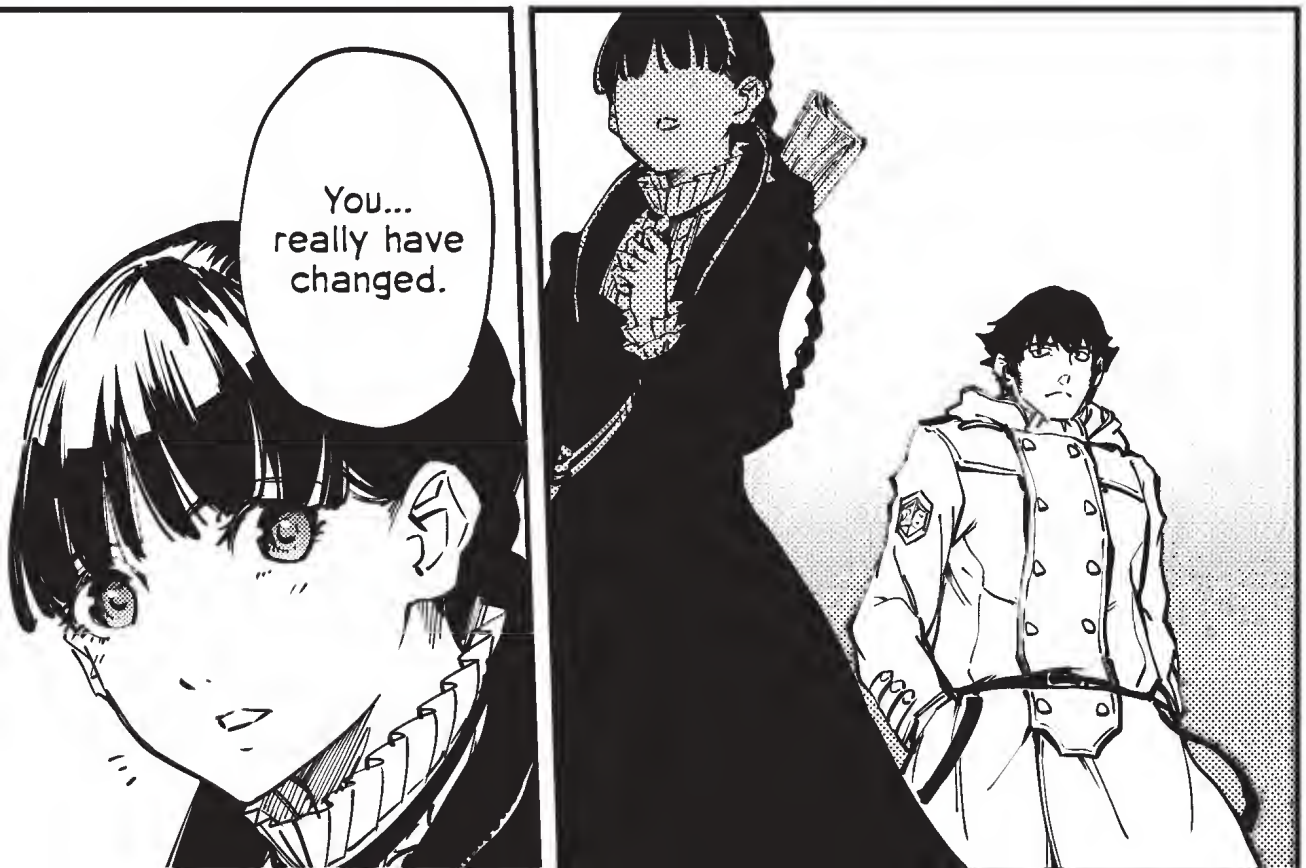


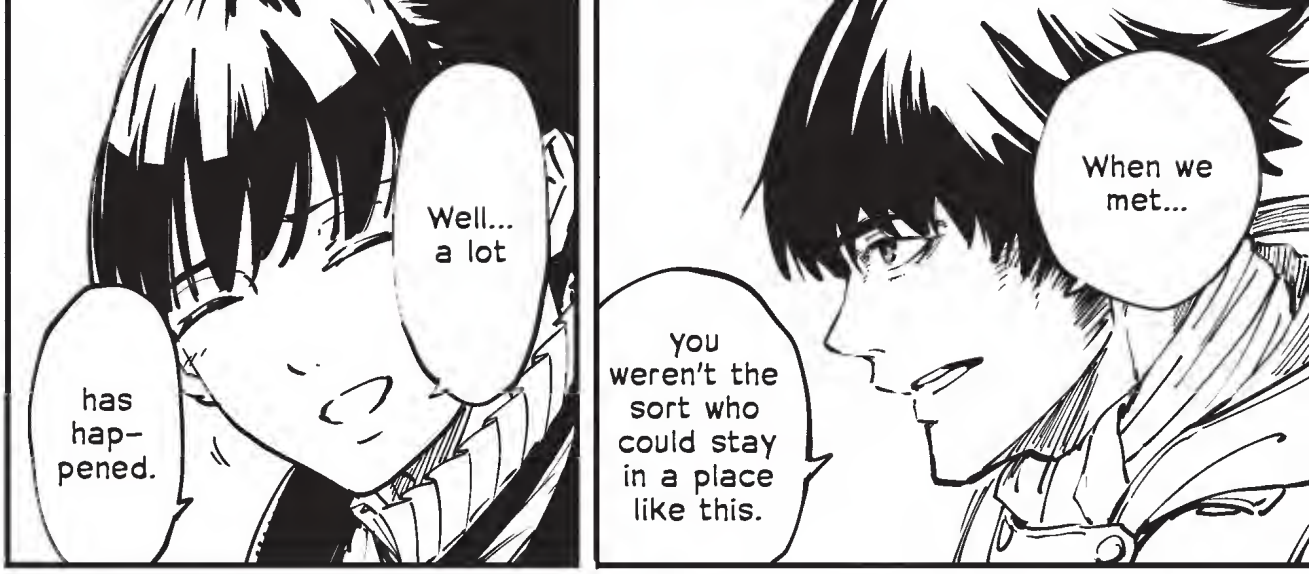

Our task is to destroy all the Incarnates that wreak havoc.
To that end, we should certainly use trustworthy help.


You won't be persuaded, sir?


At least ...
while that man still has his rational mind.


I know ...


You... really have changed.


Well... a lot has happened.
When we met...
you weren't the sort who could stay in a place like this.


Now there's a surprise.
Ha ha ha...
I'VE EVEN BEEN PRACTICING MY MARKSMANSHIP !!
GACHAK


Yes.
Since the day my father rode off to war...
I was sure this was going to happen.
And my father isn't in that village any more.
I... have nowhere to return to.
You sure you'll be all right ...?
From here on out...
we'll be mired in a lot of fighting.


Wherever I want to be
is exactly where I belong.
I see ...
... Thank you,
Schaal ...
To be continued in Volume 5

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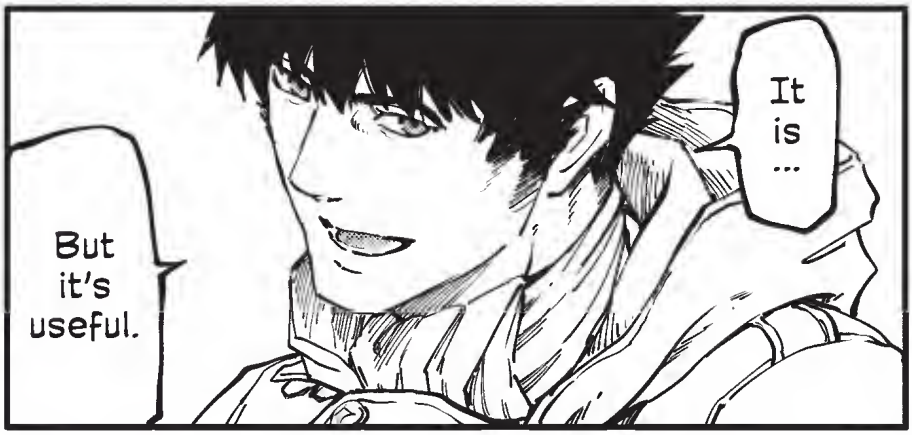




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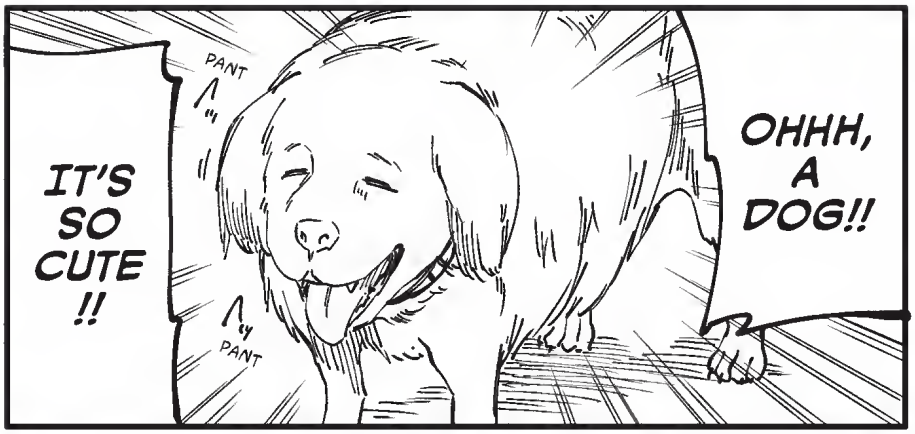


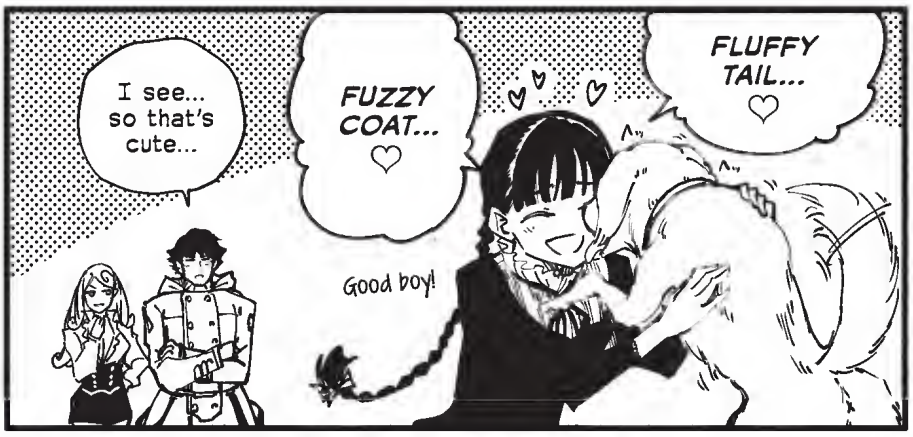


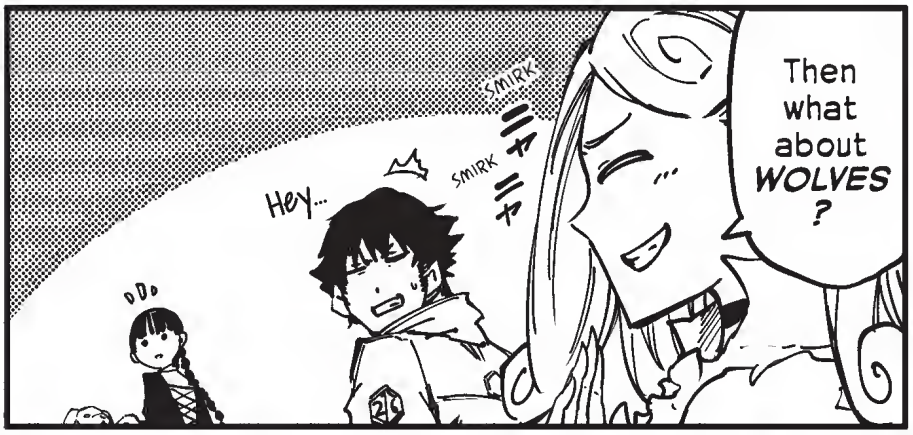


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file no. 22 | *The Great Mountains*



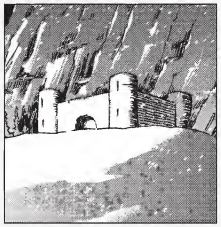
A natural barrier dividing East from West.

A mountain range running north to south on the Patrian continent.

In these terribly high, steep mountains, the snow near the peaks never melts. There are many routes to cross them, but none can be called safe, which is one reason why westward expansion took as long as it did. There are many post towns at the foot of the mountains where pioneers can lodge before crossing. Schaal's hometown is one such village.

There were plans to build tunnels and trestle bridges so that the mountains could be crossed via railroad, but the Civil War dealt such plans a major setback. The difficult-to-traverse mountains remain a natural barrier for New Patria.

file no. 23 | *Muzzle Peak Lookout*



An abandoned wartime relic clinging to the mountainside.

A fort on Muzzle Peak, one of the highest summits in the Great Mountains.

It was built a century ago, during Patria's Revolutionary War, out of fear that forces from the suzerainty might attack from the rear. After that, it was managed for many years by the central government, and during the Civil War was used as a storehouse/relay station rather than a military fort. With outer walls of solid stone, it already looks anachronistic, and would not be able to withstand heavy cannon fire.

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file no. 20 | *Incarnate: Garmr*

Height: 10 ft.



The guardian hound of the gates of Hell, who watches over the dead.

An Incarnate with the sharp senses and brute strength of a real beast.

It resembles the Incarnate Werewolf, but instead of the ability to revert to human form, it possesses superior strength and speed. It also has more characteristics typical of an animal, and instinctively gathers information about its surroundings with its keen sense of hearing and smell. However, without either overwhelming size or supernatural strength, it relies on its innate muscular strength and speed to attack its prey.

Among the Incarnates with their many extraordinary powers, at first glance Garmr appears to be fairly ordinary, but its swiftness and sharp claws are quite sufficient to deal fatal blows to humans.

file no. 21 | *Infantry Combat*



A deadly line from which there is no retreat.

During the Civil War, infantry combat was hard and cruel.

The guns used at the time had remarkably low hit accuracy, so to compensate, the ranks of infantrymen had to advance to close range. In the face of rifle muzzles and the enemy's intent to kill, they kept moving forward despite the terror of death. Anyone who turned tail to flee would be shot for cowardice by his own superiors.

These battle tactics, characterized by intense oppressiveness and a sense of futility, had persisted for a century. Towards the end of the Civil War, rifles with higher accuracy rates were developed, and this method of fighting began to fall out of favor.

SPECIAL APPENDIX

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Tribute Illustrations

A spectacular collection of illustrations contributed by four manga artists who drew their own interpretations of the characters!

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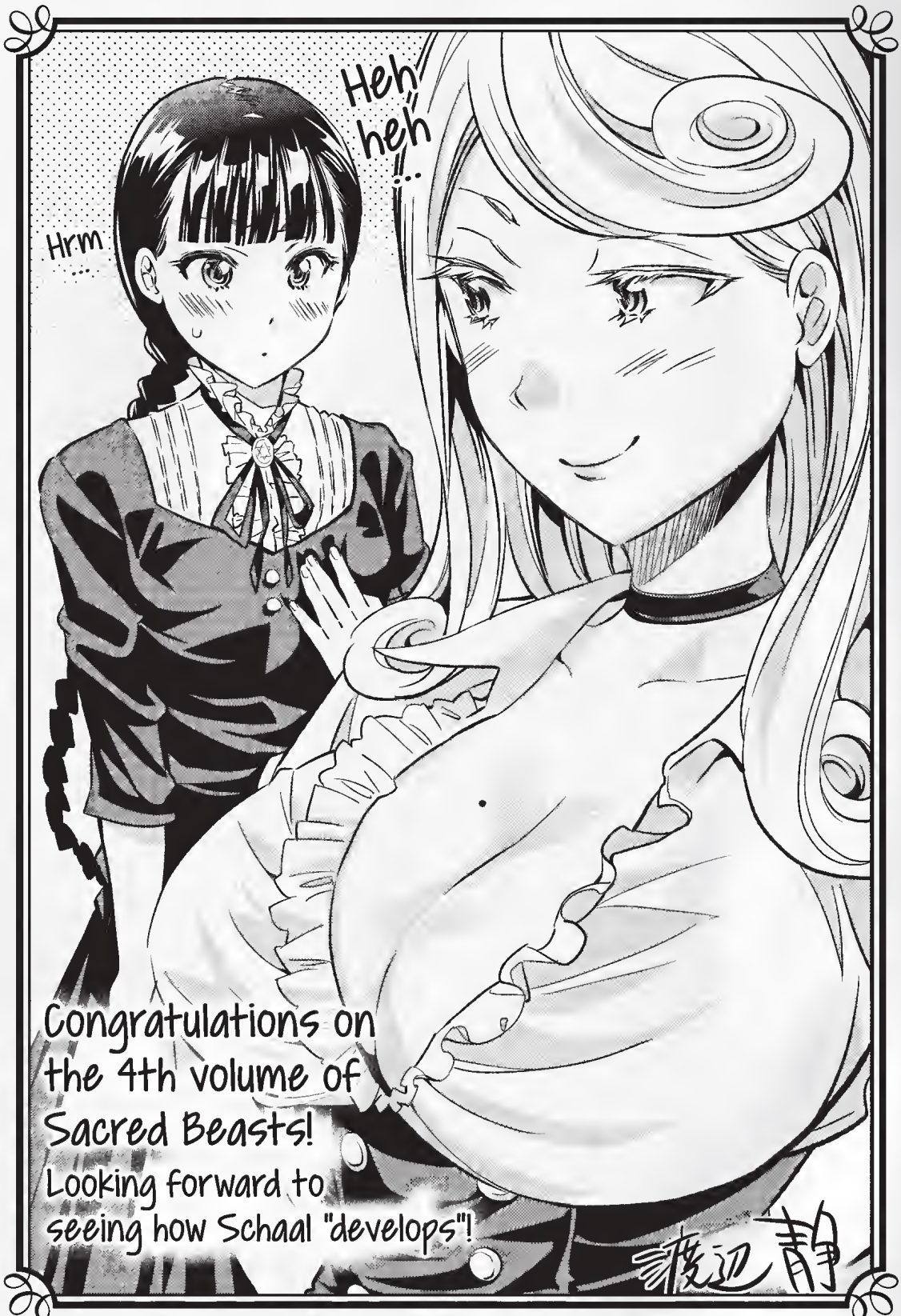
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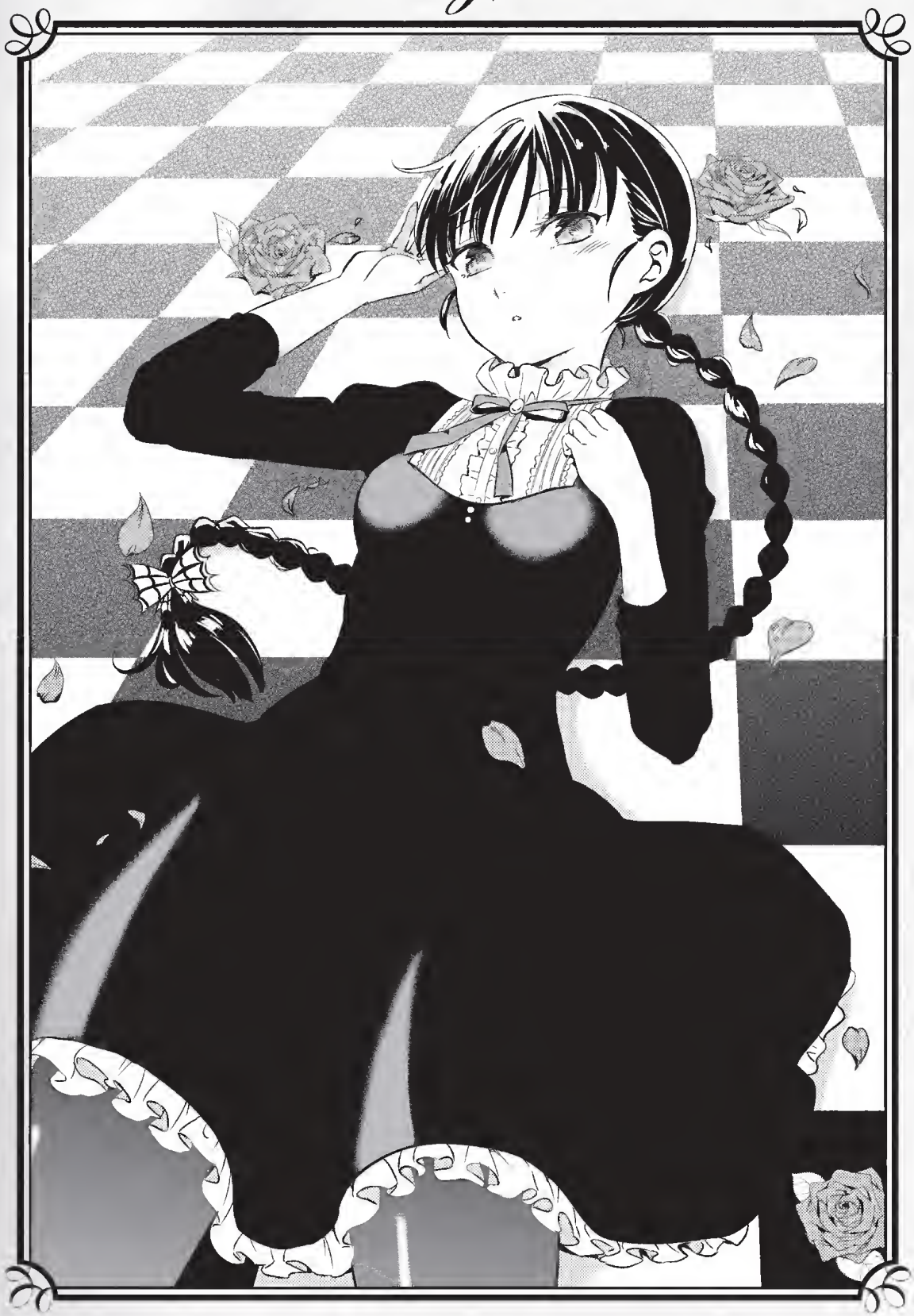
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AFTERWORD PAGE



I had some pages left over, so here's an afterword!
Volume 4 was "dogs" from beginning to end. We think we're done with dogs for a while now...
We'd been pacing the story to have two or three arcs per volume, but I worked on this volume with the intention of letting the plot move more slowly. It ended up feeling a little ponderous, so going forward we'd like to use slightly shorter episodes!

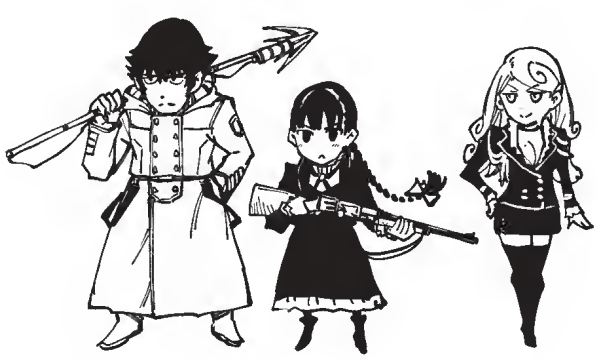
Through this volume, we kept the focus on Schaal and Hank, but from now on we're going to use a wider perspective. We've been adding new characters bit by bit, after all! We hope you're looking forward to Volume 5!

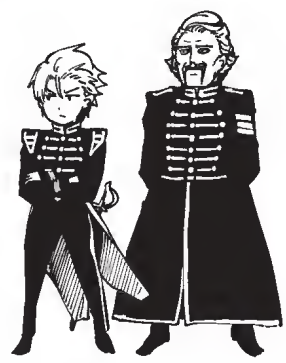
Anyway, this time around, there were some pages left to fill because of the way the volume was put together, which gave me this wonderful opportunity to have other artists draw the characters from ***Sacred Beasts***! That was all thanks to my editor!

To Shizumu Watanabe, Yousuke Kaneda, Takeshi Kawaguchi, and Atsunori Horiuchi...

Thank you so much!

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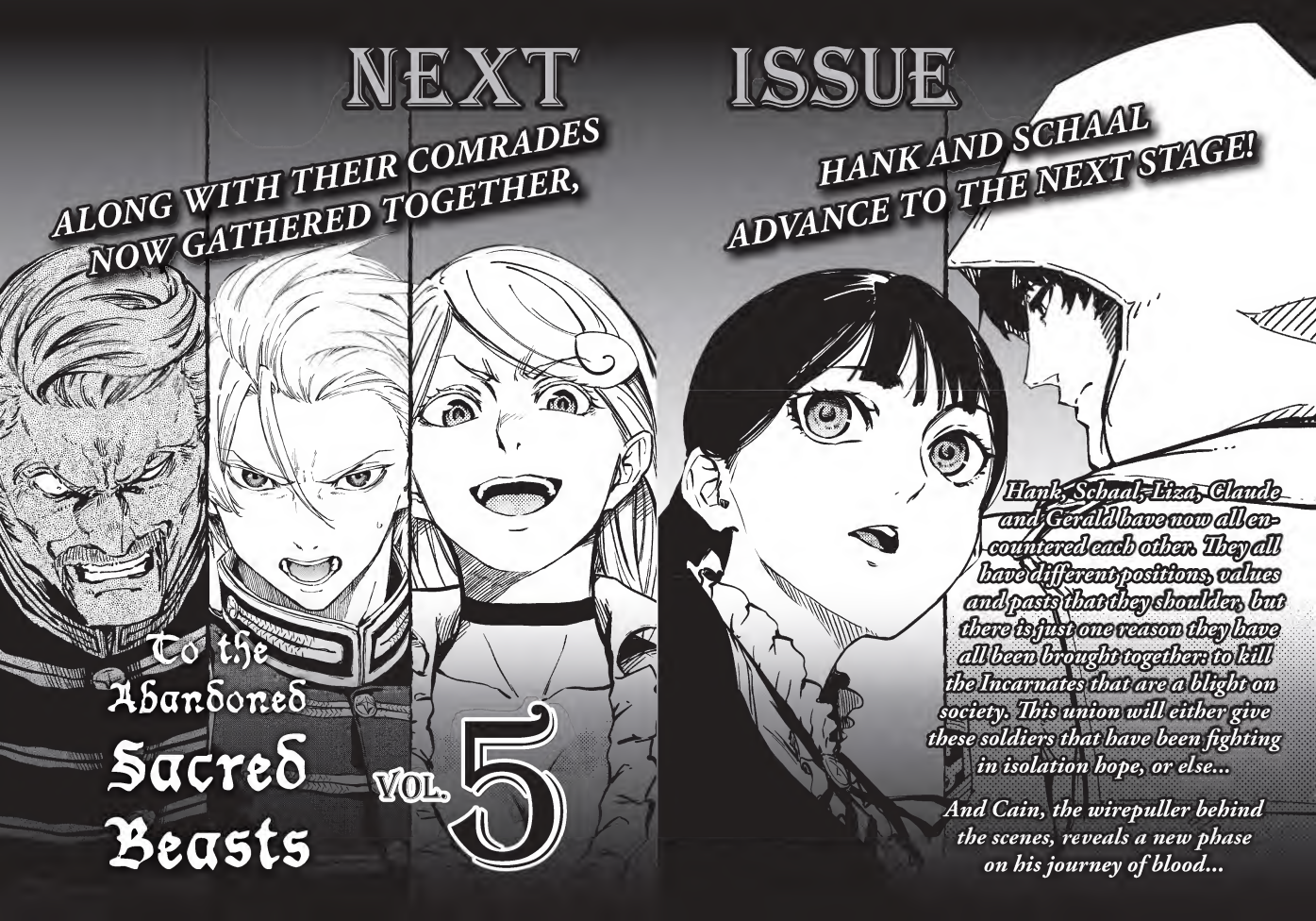




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And Cain, the wirepuller behind the scenes, reveals a new phase on his journey of blood...

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